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Events...

Don't miss Staley Lecturer, Dr. Don Davis. Monday, Feb. 21-23. Of course, you have to go on Wednesday, but you can at least have a good attitude about it. Maybe you'll even learn something.

How Are We Doing?

Alas! We are lonely! We are blue! We didn't even receive VALENTINES!!! Thanks for nothing. Sincerely, 'The on-the-verge-of-a breakdown-from-lack-of-reader-communication'

Lacy influenced Milligan

By NATALIE ALUND

Reporting by Gina Holtman

Steve Lacy, former Milligan educator and athletic official, died Feb. 3 at Johnson City Medical Center, at the age of 91.

"Last week the college lost a dear person who influenced not only the life of the college but the lives of many individuals," President Don Jeanes wrote in an open letter to the Milligan community.

Lacy was associated with Milligan for more than 72 years, serving as dean of men, vice president, coach of four sports, trustee and chairman of the trustees.

He enrolled at Milligan in 1927 after graduating as valedictorian from Holston High School.

While at Milligan, Lacy became involved in campus activities and at the end of his freshman year he was named "Best Citizen in the Freshman Class."

Coach Duard Walker, schoolmate and close friend of Lacy, said he was, "a well-rounded person...he was good at athletics and academics. I would like to have students realize they could do both."

Lacy lettered in basketball and football, and was a member of the music club,

drama club and debate club. During his senior year, Lacy was captain of the basketball team and was named to the all-conference team. He graduated cum laude in 1931.

"He was a good Christian man and he was energetic in whatever he attempted to do he went at it wholeheartedly," said Walker.

In November 1975, The Steve Lacy Fieldhouse was named in honor of Lacy's many years of faithful service to the college. Throughout the years, he was also honored with the Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree in 1963, the *Fide et Amore* award in 1975, the Distinguished Alumnus award in 1993, and is a member of the Milligan Athletics Hall of Fame.

Former classmate and editorial director of the *Johnson City Press*, George Kelly said, "Steve Lacy's contributions to Milligan do not consist of brick and mortar or any other 'things.' They consist of mind and soul and emotion. They consist of commitment and tenacity, and faith. They consist of love. Steve Lacy's name is written in the hearts of generations yet to come."

What did you think about Sweetheart Convo?

What was good? What was bad? What's your opinion?

Tell us about it!! E-mail us at stampede@mcnet.milligan.edu. Letters may be posted in a future issue, and will be edited for space and clarity.

[Picture at right] Junior Andy Hull held the audience's attention as he entered Seeger Chapel on a John Deere tractor during Sweetheart Convo.

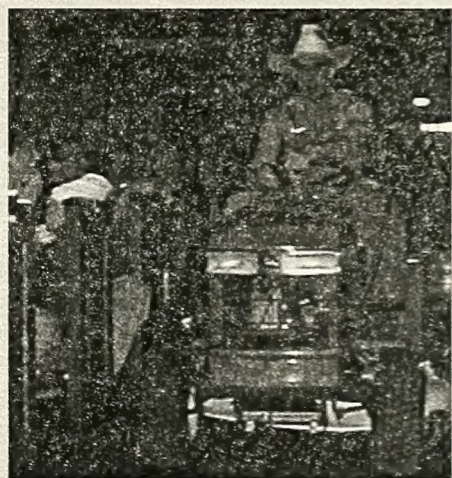


Photo by Jill Jacob

President's wife takes basic photo

By KRISHANA KRAFT

Editor-in-Chief

Clarinda Jeanes said she enjoys being a basic photography student, but is glad that she doesn't have to take the final exam.

"I've always wanted to take photography," said Jeanes, wife of President Don Jeanes. "The reason I didn't do it before now is because I didn't have time. I really don't have time now, but I am trying to work it in."

Jeanes is auditing basic photography this semester. She will not receive a grade or credit hours for her work but she hopes to learn some practical camera skills.

Basic Photography is the class where stu-

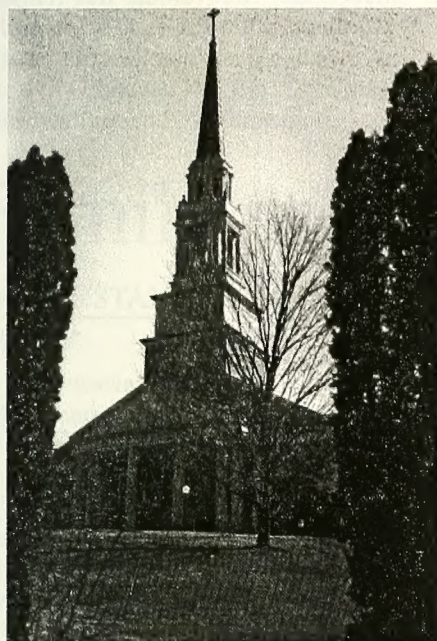


Photo by Clarinda Jeanes

Seeger Chapel was one of Mrs. Jeanes' first subjects for basic photography.

dents learn about their camera, how to take good pictures, develop film and also make prints of their negatives. It is required for all communications and performing art majors. While Jeanes is exempt from the final, her status as "the president's wife" doesn't prevent her from spending the notorious long hours in the dark room with other photography students.

Margaret Alice Anthony, adjunct professor of art, said she thought it was a good experience for students to interact with Jeanes and vice versa.

"I think it surprises some of the students that she is here," said Anthony. "You know when you hear chit-chatting in the darkroom that she is getting to know the students in her section better."

Anthony said she also enjoys getting to know her better.

Freshman Jill Jacob, who is in Jeanes' class, said it was awkward at first to have her in class because of her position at Milligan.

"It is neat to be on the same level with her in this class," said Jacob. "She gets to see the student's perspective from a more intimate point of view."

Jacob said that photography class is a good place to get to know other people because of the time you spend in the darkroom together.

Anthony said that even though Jeanes isn't college-aged, she fits right in and finds the class challenging.

"There is a lot more involved in photography than people realize," Anthony said. "I tell my students that perseverance and persistence pays off and not to let problems defeat you."

Anthony said students learn better after they put their head knowledge into practice when they are taking pictures or in the darkroom.

Jeanes said she has found value in the scientific part of photography that she once took for granted.



Photo by Krishana Kraft

Clarinda Jeanes and Senior Kevin Mata work on rinsing their prints in the darkroom.

"I wanted to take photography, but I didn't really care how that camera worked," Mrs. Jeanes said. "I was overwhelmed to begin with, but as Mrs. Anthony said, 'you take it one step at a time and the more you use your camera the easier it becomes.'"

Jeanes said she has been limited to taking pictures on campus because of her schedule, but is hoping to get off campus more as she continues her landscape project. She said she is looking forward to taking pictures of people, especially children, for her portrait project this semester.

"I really want to be able to sit in the corner some place where children are playing and take pictures of them," Jeanes said.

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Setting the standard

Baseball team steals a win in Georgia

By MISTY FRY

Reporter

Baseball season was off to a swinging start as the team met Shorter College and North Georgia College and State University where they won one out of three games.

"The one thing we need to work on is the defense," said Danny Clark, head coach. "It was the first weekend and the weather hasn't been very cooperative. We have a tough schedule next week and we need to be able to pick it up."

According to Clark, Dustin Barrett pitched a winning game and Ryan Fulcher, Jeff Cooley, J.P. Nix, David Hilton and Chuck Arnold were all key hitters. These hitters combined to make a total of 11 hits and 14 RBIs. This strong effort was noticed by teammates.

"As a team we hit really well and the pitching held us in the game. [John] Rice, [Tom] Clemens, and [Dustin] Barrett stepped up and pitched well and [J.P.] Nix had some great hits," Fulcher said.

The coach and players all agreed that the bad weather and not being able to practice outside affected their play.

"We haven't been outside very much yet, and the defense was a little shaky but we have a strong pitching staff this year and we were able to hit the ball," said Benjamin.

The team is still optimistic that they can improve as the games start up.

"After a few games I think we can do good, we have a lot of games left so we can improve," said Arnold.

The next game will be Thursday against North Greenville at 1:00 p.m..

Photo by Jill Jacob



Last week the baseball team practiced on batting and pitching before heading to Georgia.

Family weekend brings campus to life

By CHRISTAN MCKAY

Reporter

Last weekend parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members made the trip from both far and near to Milligan for family weekend.

"I think the best thing about having your parents here for family weekend is having a break from cafeteria food," said freshman Emily Fuller. "You can get out and not have to pay for it, your parents can pay for it. Also to go to their hotel and jump in the pool."

Family weekend is an annual campus activity where family and friends are invited to travel to Johnson City and spend time with students. The weekend is traditionally held in February and is loosely structured so that students can spend time with their families both on and off campus.

Many students took advantage of the visit to make a trip to Wal-Mart or the mall, and especially to eat off campus.

Friday night all dorms were open to visitation by families. However, the official beginning of the event was the Dean's List ceremony in Seeger Chapel on Satur-

day morning. The program was put together to honor those students who earned a 3.5 grade point average or above during either the spring or fall semesters of 1999. Dr. Bruce Montgomery, co-campus minister, gave a short address, followed by the presentation of certificates and coffee mugs by President Don

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-Emily Fuller

Jeanes and Academic Dean Mark Matson.

"Milligan is of God," Montgomery said. "The fact that you are here is also of God."

Montgomery spoke about the tradition and high Christian standards upheld by Milligan and its students, as well as the resilience of the institution. Students were once again challenged to live up to those standards in both academic and spiritual settings.

Throughout Saturday students and family members were offered a variety of activities

to keep busy. There was a dessert social in the student lounge, as well as a talent show sponsored by Milligan Students For Life.

"We did this [talent show] because we wanted to raise money for the 'Rock For Life,' which is April 15," said Christy Paul, student leader of Milligan Students For Life. "We also went to the March For Life [in Washington D.C.] back in January, so we wanted to cover the cost of that, as well as to get some bands for the 'Rock For Life.' It was really good."

The show offered a variety of acts including musical performances and a skit by the girls of Hart Hall third floor about their personal feelings on Milligan's male population. According to Paul there were over 100 people in attendance and donations totaled \$233 for the group.

The activities continued Saturday night as families could choose between the S.U.B. 7 coffeehouse, a concert in Seeger Chapel by the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra, or the men's basketball team vs. King College [Tenn.] in the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse.

Radio show bribes students to drink milk

By AMANDA KERSHNER

Reporter

Four Milligan students competed for \$50 last Thursday, during the "Tom & Todd Show" on WUMC by drinking a gallon of whole milk in one hour without vomiting.

Dean Yasko, freshman, Dan Carpenter, junior and seniors Greg Paas and John Mann met early that evening to begin the competition. Each student was timed by

disc jockeys Goodlet and Baldwin.

Carpenter said he did it "just to say I



could and for the money."

All but one student remained at the

end of the hour.

Yasko walked away with a check for \$50, but not before chugging the last third of his milk during the final minute.

Yasko competed "for the heck of it. I didn't care about throwing up."

Goodlet and Baldwin funded the competition and prize with their own money.

Director of church relations retires

By KELLY CLARK

Reporter

Robert Allen, director of church relations is retiring after 14 years of service, effective in April.

"The timing was right for both my family and the college," Allen said

Allen announced his retirement after spending much time in prayer and discussion with his wife Carolyn.

He said he is retiring because he is facing "retirement age" and Milligan is

"preparing for some changes." He wants to allow the new director to be involved "from the ground up as Milligan makes a transition into their capital campaign."

The campaign is still being developed and will be announced at the next board meeting.

Although several board members have asked Allen to reconsider he says, "My decision is final. There have not been any negative feelings and I have had a very

happy and pleasant association with the college."

After he retires he will serve as interim minister at Walnut Grove Christian Church in Johnson City.

"I made it clear to Milligan in the beginning that all I wanted was to be the Director of Church Relations, and to become the best I could at that," said Allen.

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Show Me The Meaning Of Being Lonely
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Sat., Feb. 26: Women's Tennis vs. Maryville @ Home 2:00

Thurs., Feb. 24-Sat., Feb. 26: Men's Basketball TVAC championship tournament in Bristol, Va.

Fri., Feb. 25-Sun., Feb. 27: Indoor Soccer Tournament @ East Tennessee Federation facility, Buffalo Valley Resort.

Events...

Mon., Feb. 28: Black History month convocation

Tue., Feb. 29: Faculty voice recital-John Wakefield

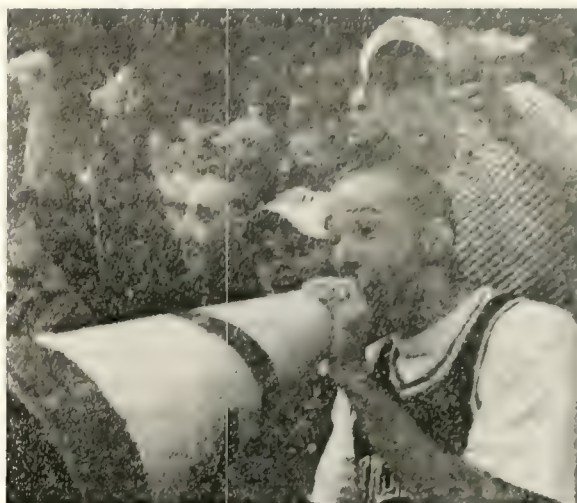
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Angry fan chases official

Student faces penalty from Milligan after shoving referee

Photo by Jill Jacob



Fans at the men's basketball game get loud and crazy for the Buffs, which includes Erik Eckman[top].

By **PHIL BROWN**
Reporter

After the Feb. 12 men's basketball game against King College, senior Erik Eckman ran after an official and shoved him, according to witnesses.

Eckman claims he retaliated when referee Jim Fox pushed him.

"I chased the referee to the end of the court and told him that was the worst officiated game I have ever seen," said Eckman. "Then he grabbed my shirt and I removed his hands."

But Milligan Athletic Director Duard Walker reported that Fox told him, "The student ran after me, bumped me, and cursed me, so I grabbed him by the shirt."

An eyewitness who wished to remain anonymous said, "Eckman was yelling at the referee and bumped him first."

The penalties imposed on him by Milligan include serving six hours of community service, being suspended from any more basketball games, and writing an apology letter to Fox,

Eckman said.

Fox, who is no relation to Dean of Students Mark Fox, has not pressed charges, but he might have under Tennessee law. If Eckman were charged and convicted of assault, he could be fined \$500 and face jail time.

At another game, an official who declined to give his name said, "Around 1989, the Tennessee legislation passed a law against assault on athletic officials."

However, Graham Spurrier, director of Johnson City Parks and Recreation, said, "As far as I know, there is no particular law, yet, but I have been told one is in debate now. Otherwise, it would be treated like regular assault."

The Tennessee Annotated Code does not mention a specific law about assaulting sports officials.

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Students celebrate Black History month

By KRISHANA KRAFT

Editor-in-Chief

Last Thursday, a gathering in honor of Black History month was held in Seeger Chapel.

"We wanted to let the truth be told and to correct the misconceptions people have about African-American history," said De'Marco Kidd, senior and an organizer of this event.

Participants discussed the African-American heritage and how they influenced American culture. This included discussions on African dance, slavery, Malcolm X, sports and music. More than 40 people were in attendance for this event, which lasted over an hour. A reception followed in lower Seeger.

"The event wasn't as perfect as I wanted it to be, but I'm glad it happened," Kidd said. "If there was true acknowledgement of black history there would be no need for this month or these types of programs."

He said there is at least one more event planned for Feb. 28, but he also hopes to organize a movie night.

Marie Minani, senior, began the evening with a demonstration of African tribal dances, along with two assistants. Minani chanted and clapped while her assistants demonstrated the specific steps.

Paulette Williams talked about slavery beginning with the trip to America and ending with the "Emancipation Proclamation" given by President Abraham

Lincoln.

"After they[slaves] were purchased, branded and chained then they were rowed out to the slave ships to be taken across the Atlantic," Williams said.

She focused on the harsh lives of slaves and told how they were stripped of their identity because they didn't even have last names.

Williams also talked about the jobs slaves occupied, such as cotton picking. This was also illustrated through a skit.

Kidd focused most of his time on Malcolm X, a controversial black Muslim and civil rights leader.

"Before you judge Malcolm you have to understand where he is coming from," Kidd said.

Kidd said Malcolm was influenced by his father, who spoke about "the black cause," which was a call for blacks to take pride in themselves and move back to Africa. He said the "biggest desire" for Malcolm was for his people to be treated like human beings.

Kidd continued his discussion of the civil rights movement by recreating the bus scene of the 1950s and explaining the situation Rosa Parks experienced when asked to give up her seat.

Kidd pointed out that Parks was sitting in her assigned area of the bus and was still asked by a white man to give up her seat.

The rest of the evening was devoted to African-Americans' influence in sports and music.

Photo by Bethany Haynes



Randy Mullins joined Trevin Nairne in Bob Marley's "Redemption song," which received a standing ovation.

Terrence Gadsden, freshman, told about athletes such as, Jackie Robinson, Jesse Owens, Jack Johnson and Althea Gibson.

Gadsden said that these athletes "not only played sports, but followed their dreams."

Randy Mullins, senior, and Trevin Nairne, freshman, ended the evening by performing Bob Marley's "Redemption song."

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Setting the standard

Sweetheart convo causes controversy

By **NATALIE ALUND**

Assistant Editor

Prompted by a mass e-mail criticizing last Monday's sweetheart convocation, students and faculty debated the appropriateness of the convo's content for a Christian college.

"As Christians we all need to constantly be on guard against what we watch and what we define as entertainment, because it is hard to be in the world in not of it," said freshman Elizabeth Pearson, four days after she sent a campus wide e-mail outlining her objections to the convo.

According to Pearson, her e-mail drew more than 100 responses, about 90 percent supporting her position. The other 10 percent expressed disapproval of how she stated her case.

"The manner in which it was written was the problem," said junior Shannon Blowers who responded by e-mail to Pearson's message. "I think that if she would have said, 'Hey this is an issue we need to think about,' people would have been a little more accepting."

Blowers added that she thought convo-

cation was funny, and for the most part it was OK, although there were a couple of skits in which she felt the content was inappropriate. Blowers would not specify which skits were inappropriate.

Junior Gina Wells, student organizer for sweetheart convocation, said she had screened the ideas for all of the skits but had not seen them in detail. She said she was "shocked" by some of the performances.

"The whole thing in general I thought was pretty good, but there were some parts that I was just like, 'That's got to change and that can't happen again so people don't feel uncomfortable,'" Wells said.

Some faculty members also joined in the debate.

Patrick Kariuki, assistant professor of teacher education, said he was touched when he read Pearson's e-mail.

"It was all based on the word of God and she was basing her argument from God's perspective," Kariuki said.

Although Kariuki did not attend sweetheart convo, he added his personal view on what he heard about it.

"What it all comes down to is what would Jesus do if he was there in that situation? Would he have

said, 'Way to go! Your spreading my kingdom'? Would that glorify God? Was he glorified from that convo?" Kariuki said.

William Greer, assistant professor of economics, said he wished this year's sweetheart convo's skits did not have some of the content they did.

"Some contained elements that were inappropriate. The students need to use better judgment because there were a couple of skits in which the content was inappropriate," Greer said.

As one of the two emcees, Greer portrayed Dr. Evil, a character from "Austin Powers." Pearson criticized the movie in her original e-mail.

Greer said he did not advocate the content of the movie.

"We didn't intend to do anything that was offensive, we do this for the students," he said. "We regret any offense anyone might have taken...it is intended to be light hearted and fun."

As SGA advisor Greer added that SGA will be reviewing the procedure to better maintain the content for next year.

Drinnon shares her psychology interest

By **CHRISTAN MCKAY**

Reporter

For Joy Drinnon teaching is more than just sharing knowledge.

"I love learning," said Drinnon, assistant professor of psychology. "I love finding out new things and sharing that with students, sharing interesting research that I hear about and interesting things that I learn about."

Drinnon grew up in Knoxville, but came to Johnson City to attend East Tennessee State University[ETSU] where she majored in psychology. Her four years at ETSU were followed by graduate school at the University of Tennessee, where she is currently finishing her dissertation.

During college, she was active in Christian student fellowship and served as an orientation leader. She also concentrated on her interest in psychology by getting in-

involved in psychology organizations.

"There wasn't anything about psychology that didn't interest me," said Drinnon. "I didn't take any psychology classes that I didn't find somewhat interesting. I pretty much liked the whole field and I felt like it was wide open for a

"There wasn't anything about psychology that didn't interest me. I pretty much liked the whole field and I felt like it was wide open for a lot of possible careers."

-Joy Drinnon

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Drinnon came to Milligan after graduate school. She said that Milligan provides the atmosphere and learning environment she desires and also displays good morals and standards.

"It [Milligan] has a good balance between

research and teaching, with the emphasis on teaching," Drinnon said. "I wanted to be at a small liberal arts college where the emphasis is on teaching and not research. I also liked Milligan's values and Christian philosophy."

Drinnon said she likes teaching at Milligan and doesn't foresee a move in the future.

When not at school, Drinnon likes to spend time with her husband Shannon, who is a flight instructor, and their new baby Collin, who arrived in December, during finals week. Taking care of him has occupied most of her time this winter.

Drinnon said she likes to spend time outside camping and playing water sports with her husband.

"We go camping up at Roan Mountain usually every fall. We'll probably still go this fall even though we have a child. We have a boat so we love to go out on the lake and inner tube and kneeboard during the summer," Drinnon said. "We'd love to ski, but we can't since we don't know how."

Lady Buffs win bid to NAIA tournament

By MELISSA POTTER

Reporter

Last Tuesday night, the Lady Buffs defeated UVA-Wise, which sealed a national tournament bid for Milligan.

"We're all just really excited about going," said senior Becky Sells. "We hope to have fun when we get there, but we also hope to do well in the tournament."

The Lady Buffs will once again travel to Sioux City, Iowa, after making it to the second round of the tournament last season when they were defeated by Saint Francis University [Ill.].

The NAIA Division II tournament will be a 32-team single elimination tournament featuring the champions of the 25 affiliated conferences, along with three top ranked independents. The first round of action will begin on Wed., March 8 and Thurs., March 9 with eight games. The national championship game will be held on Tue., March 14 at 7 p.m. [CST].

The team will have the opportunity to participate in the Banquet of Champions at the Sioux City Convention Center and the Parade of Champions at the Sioux City Auditorium. This season, the team has seven freshmen that will make their first appearance to the national tournament.

"We're looking forward to sharing this experience with our freshmen," said junior Amy Moody.



Photo from the Milligan home page

The Lady Buffs have a 24-5 record this season. Last year, they headed to the "Sweet Sixteen," but hope to go further in this year's NAIA Division II tournament in Iowa.

"I think that they're really going to enjoy all the fun things we get to do while we're there."

Although their national tournament bid is sealed, the Lady Buffs will participate in the Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference tournament championship on Thurs., Feb. 24 at Virginia High School in Bristol.

In the conference tournament, Milligan could

possibly play against Alice Lloyd, Bluefield, or Montreat College, the three conference teams that they split wins with during the regular season.

"We will definitely be on our toes against all the teams we play in the tournament," said junior Amy Allen. "We don't want our losses to overshadow what a great regular season we had as a team."

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-Find out how the women's team is doing this year.

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Fill-ups increase as gas prices rise

By GINA HOLTMAN

Assistant Editor

The price of maintaining a long distance relationship has gone up for Milligan junior Monnica Norman and her Ohio boyfriend, John Gavin.

Gavin, who lives 400 miles away, paid \$100 for gas to drive his Jeep Cherokee to Milligan to see Norman for her birthday last week.

Norman and Gavin are just two of many Americans who have felt the effects of higher gas prices caused by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' decision last March to reduce their output of oil. Supply is low, demand is high, and prices have skyrocketed.

The American Automobile Association reported that regular unleaded gasoline averaged \$1.54 per gallon nationwide last week. This time last year, prices were 57 cents

cheaper with the nationwide average at 97 cents per gallon. The cost of fuel has reached a high point, breaking the record set in April of 1981, when the national average was \$1.38.

Norman said she has changed her daily habits to adjust for the additional cost.

"I stopped driving so much," she said. "I'm more likely now to find someone to go with me and split the cost by trading off who drives."

But Bill Greer, associate professor of business and economics, said that most people do not reduce their consumption of gas because of a price increase.

Senior Sara White said she still drives the same amount that she did before the price increase.

"The way I figure, you need to do stuff and you have to have gas to do it," she said.

The nearby Coastal gas station on Milligan Highway is not experiencing a decrease in sales, according to their assistant manager, Katie Perry.

"There is a lot of complaining about that about it," Perry said. "Really, gas is what everyone needs."

People may not be able to change how much gas they use, but that doesn't mean it's easy to pay higher prices. According to a recent USA Today/CNN Gallup poll, 41 percent of consumers, especially those earning less than \$50,000 per year or living in rural areas, say the higher prices are a "hard hip."

Greer said prices aren't likely to get better anytime soon.

"I believe they will be this high or higher through the summer," he said. "Demand traditionally peaks in the summer."

Greer said he is concerned that the high prices will have an inflationary effect within the year unless the prices start going back down.

OPEC met yesterday in Vienna, Austria to evaluate the possibility of changing its production level.

Students discover the cost of "free" calls

By PHILLIP BROWN

Reporter

Freshman Gregory McFall and his suite in Webb thought they could use 10-10-220 for as long as they wanted and since the phone bill was not in their name, they would not have to pay.

"I didn't think we would have to pay but my roommate answered the phone when they called and he gave them his name and address," McFall said.

Many Milligan students are getting billed unsuspectingly for the use of a long distance service, which they thought would be free.

Telecom-USA, which is a subsidiary of MCI WorldCom, provides the long distance phone

service called 10-10-220.

Students have decided to take their chances with the supposedly untraceable 10-10-220 rather than pay for any other service.

According to Telecom-USA, "Charges for 10-10-220 automatically appear on your local telephone bill, along with applicable taxes. The charges usually appear within one to two months from the time you make the call."

Telecom-USA said that service is not available from a pay phone, cell phone, hotel room, dormitory, military base or most businesses.

However, students are making these calls from their dorm rooms on Milligan's campus.

Milligan's local phone system is set up using the sentrex system, which gives dorm room

and campus offices separate phone lines, similar to those in normal houses. This system is opposed to the switchboard system used by many schools and hotels in the past.

"There is a law that requires us to provide access to these other services," said Joe Whitaker, vice president of business and finance.

Whitaker said, Milligan's system is set up that way because of that law, and it allows students other options besides the Milligan offered BTL.

"We do not want our services to be detrimental to the students," Whitaker said. "If there are better services we would like to know."

Parking problems solved by the CSP

By STEPHANIE MITCHUM

Reporter

Freshmen can now look forward to having their own parking spaces reserved for them in the canyon.

The decision was made last Thurs., Mar. 23 when a group calling themselves "concerned students about parking" CSP, met with Mark Fox, vice president of student development.

"It was a last resort for us," said an anonymous member of CSP. "We really felt bad for making the freshman do this, but it was our only choice in truly solving the parking problem here at Milligan."

According to CSP, the parking situation will look like this: All freshmen will be required to

park in the canyon unless they have a medical reason not to. No one will be allowed to park in the "white zones" outside of Hart anymore.

"We're going to have to hire a towing service to make sure this happens," said the CSP spokesperson. "Parking tickets just don't seem to be cutting it for students anymore."

Fox declined to comment on the towing service, but did have a mouthful to say about students not paying their parking tickets.

CSP organized itself last year after a senior was forced to drive around the parking lots of Webb all night long waiting for a space to open up.

"It was really sad that he had to do that, but he wasn't the type to park illegally," said CSP

spokesperson.

The new parking rules will be enforced beginning April 1. CSP thought it would be better to start things on a Saturday to get people into the practice of parking in their designated spot before the week begins.

The parking regulations will be announced on March 31 in the cafeteria.

Fox said he wanted to wait until the last minute to tell students to prevent rioting.

"I don't think they would really riot here at Milligan, but you can never be too sure," said Fox.

CSP is an secret group that doesn't really exist and if you believed any of this, we got you for an April fools!

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News

Seniors prepare to enter the real world of Life 101

By NATALIE ALUND

Assistant Editor

As the end of the spring semester is upon students, this year's graduating seniors are in the process of thinking about their post-graduation plans.

"I'm pumped," said senior Cam Hyder. "You just reach that point when you are just ready to graduate."

Hyder, along with a majority of other seniors have been considering their plans after the upcoming May graduation.

Elisa Dunman, director of campus activities and career development, said she has had over a dozen students make appointments in her office to go over resumes.

"Students need to get several suggestions and opinions on their resumes," Dunman said.

Dunman added that she recommends students have either their advisor or a person within their area of expertise look at their resumes before graduation.

Hyder is considering a number of other ideas he has lined up for his future. He is deciding between the graduate schools of Cooley Thomas in Michigan and Campbell in North Carolina.

"After grad school I might move here if an opportunity arises in Johnson City to go into a private practice," Hyder said.

Hyder has also considered moving to Washington D.C. to try to get a job with a lobbying firm for mental health and disabilities.

Senior Brian Letendre has other plans besides continuing his education. After graduation, Letendre will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps located at the Quantico Base in northern Virginia.

"This is something I have always wanted to do," Letendre said.

Letendre added that if he does not choose the Marine Corps for a life-long career, he will consider getting involved with the secret service, FBI or CIA.

Photography major Shannon Routzahn

said she knows what she wants to do, but it's the where that has her wondering.

"Photography is kind of a scary profession to do," Routzahn said.

This summer, she will be traveling to Laos in South East Asia to do mission and photography work with Team Expansion.

Routzahn said if she likes her experiences this summer, she would be willing to do mission work, but would also like to have a steady job in the United States.

Newlyweds Lee and Kirsten Blackburn have to coordinate two post-graduate lives, and not just one. They will be packing up their belongings and heading to South Bend, Ind., where Lee will attend graduate school at the University of Notre Dame for Theology.

"Our only concern is finding a job for Kirsten, when we move to Indiana," Lee said.

Kirsten will graduate with a major in Special Education.

Overall, Kirsten and Lee feel confident about their graduation plans.

The Milligan College Alumni Relations Office and several local alumni are hosting a

series of educational seminars Friday in the cafeteria annex. The project, entitled, "Peel Life 101: Crash Course in Surviving Life After College." The first one, was held last Friday and was on "Creating a Spending Plan."

Craig Hardy, a Johnson City business major, spoke on how to handle post-graduate spendings and covered topics from student loans to titling.

Two seminars will take place this Friday in the annex at 11:15 a.m. The first, entitled "To Buy or Not to Buy (a car)" led by Tennessee Motor President and General Manager, Mike Kidd. The next, "How Much Insurance Do I Need?" will be led by Dave Johnson, a claims specialist with State Farm Insurance.

The final seminar will be April 7, and is entitled, "How To Interview Successfully," led by Susan Oler.

Dunman said she wished she had heard about budgets before she graduated. She encourages graduating seniors to attend the upcoming seminars.

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Lady Buffs still undefeated

By BETHANY HAYNES

Reporter

The Milligan College Lady Buffs tennis team won all nine of its matches Thursday to defeat the visiting King College and remain undefeated in conference play.

"It was a good confidence booster," freshman Annie Eckstrom said. Eckstrom, Milligan's no. 1 seed, won 6-4, 6-3.

Other singles winners included Dorothy Ritchey, 29 at 2 p.m. against Montreat (NC) College. Ritchey and Denton won

on tiebreakers.

Eckstrom and Diana Marti, Vanessa Click and Dorothy Ritchey, and Cori Bray and Renee Posey won doubles matches.

"Yesterday's outcome pleased me," said Milligan coach Marvin Glover. "I did see some improvement from King since last time we played them, so we had to work harder."

Click, senior, said, "It was really fun. We are turning out to be a really strong team."

The next home match for the Lady Buffs is March 31 at 2 p.m. against Montreat (NC) College.



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Features

Students spend spring break on Apache reservation

By KRISHANA KRAFT

Editor-in-Chief

For the second year, Milligan students used their spring break, Mar. 10-17, to minister to the Apache Indians on the Whitemountain Apache Reservation.

"The one thing that stood out was what happened with the group," said senior Ryan Bader, who helped lead this group of students. "The group really created a bond, not that a bond wasn't created last year, but the magnitude at which it was created was different."

This group of 28 students, led by two Crossroads Missions' leaders, Tabitha Travis and Bob Hartwright, spent their days at the American Indian Christian Mission (AICM) in Show Low, Arizona and their nights on the Whitemountain reservation.

Their days on the AICM were mostly spent cleaning up the fire-pit area by removing rotted logs and replacing them with new ones to provide seats around the fire. Four members of the group were also in charge of painting a house that had been rebuilt due to a forest fire.

The AICM is a non-profit organization that began in 1969 by taking VBS programs to the American Indian reservations. Today their outreach includes the Apache Christian Connection (ACC) which continues these Bible programs on the reservation by taking a school bus once a week to communities on the reservation.

The ACC staff said that the two most popular activities are the bikes that they take along and the basketball goal that is mounted on the back of the bus.

The Milligan students helped the ACC by

organizing nightly Bible programs for kids of all ages to attend. These programs, which lasted four nights, brought an average 60 kids each night, through AICM vans that would go and pick up most of the kids in their communities.

The programs included activity centers for the younger kids where they could read books, color, play with Play-Doh, build with Legos, or even make bracelets out of string, beads and dry noodles.

The programs for junior high and high school students included games, a worship time, led by Seventh from Adam, drama, and a speaker.

"The experience of last year helped this year," said Bader. "And I'm sure next year's will even be better."

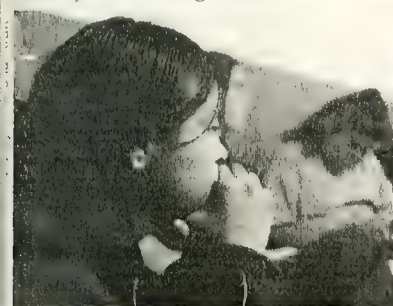


Kids on the reservation loved climbing on John Hammon and getting piggy-back rides around the church building.

Stories that changed lives in Arizona

By KRISHANA KRAFT

Stories by contributing writers



During the programs, students would ponder the characteristics of God as they were shared throughout the week.

Each night after a long day working on and off of the Whitemountain Apache Reservation, the group would sit around and tell stories.

There were stories of all different lengths and emotions.

Now that spring break is over I often get asked how the Arizona trip went. What can I say? Words can hardly describe the deep impact this trip, the Milligan group, the Apache children and God has had just two weeks ago.

Yet, the stories remain.

Thankful (by Deven Hazelwood)

The word "thankful" would describe this trip. I can't believe that God let me go out to the Apache land once again.

I was disappointed about the low attendance during the concert on Monday and felt the same about Tuesday's program. But then I met what our group liked to call "thugs" from the "Over the Rainbow" community. This group stood in the back of the van throwing animal crackers and singing "with a condom in my hand, I'm going to a rapist." I couldn't believe that these elementary-aged boys could sing about how much Jesus loves the little Apache boys" one minute and the next minute sing this horrible song about alcohol, drugs and sex.

On the Friday night, the last night of our programs on the reservation, I found these same

boys sobbing. We moved into another room to talk with them and they did not stop crying. I could not believe I was watching these three boys sob. I have no idea what they go through. Their lives are so much different than I could ever know.

One of these boys, Jordan, accepted Christ that night. He will never leave my mind.

Mia (by Jackie Heffren)

The first night there, we had the vans go out and get kids for the Seventh from Adam concert. I had the good fortune of getting to ride one of these buses. On it, I met a little girl named Turnesia, who goes by the name Mia. We became instant friends, and every night for the next four nights someone

from our group would have to come find me and tell me that Mia was looking for me. Occasionally, she would give a project she had made at school that day to another member of our group to give to me. Mia is eight-years-old, but her love for God went beyond her age. I miss her so much.

The Girl Who Left A Mark (by Hezekiah Barnes)

As kids began to head home after our first night of programs on the reservation, the remaining kids danced around the building, played the band's instruments and chased each other around the church.

One little girl decided that I was to be the bad guy and she made it her goal to discomfort me. Now I don't know what the average person knows about telling kids to do something, but when my dear friend Fran told this girl, Leanne to bite me I knew what was coming. She did not break the skin, yet it is not an experience I recommend.

Well despite the discomfort and the teeth marks, I refused to give up until I won over the affection of this little girl. As the night rolled to a close I began to lose hope in my efforts. As if he heard my distress, God showed me that what we see is not always what is.

Later that evening, I was blindfolded and led around the room, running into chairs and walls,

for the entertainment of the kids. Then as the kids came up to hug me, apparently feeling comforted by the fact that I couldn't see them, I received probably the greatest compliment I could have received. I heard Leanne say, "Come here and give me a hug you big fatty."

My heart just melted as she gave me a tiny hug. I saw what she had been saying all night, which was thank you for caring and I love you.

Emotion (by Tera Downey)

If I could say that I have ever been overwhelmed with emotion for any reason, it would have been on Friday. I worked with the young kids for the whole week, we saw progress and everything, but with the older kids it was different.

On Friday, the older kids were given the opportunity to accept Christ into their lives. I happened to walk past a small dark room in the church and all I could hear was weeping children. I was asked to come in and sit with a young boy who was crying so hard he could hardly breathe. He was in so much pain it was unbelievable. I never realized that this trouble-maker could be completely emotional about God. While holding his hand we prayed. He needed love, attention and comfort. No words can explain the depth of that experience and the emotions that we both felt. It would be nice if we could snap our fingers and make everything better, or if we could take away the temptations that we face, but that is one of the many reasons that we need God in our lives.

Chico (by Misty Fry)

I met Chico on the first day of the trip. A group of us were coming out of Bashas, the grocery store close to where Seventh from Adam performed all day. We were talking and laughing, and all of the sudden this Apache man in a cowboy hat came up and asked us where we were from. He introduced himself, and we invited him to

come over and listen to the band with us.

Chico ended up staying all day. He talked with the group and played ball with the children in the evening. In the afternoon, he came over and started talking to me and we ended up talking for almost two hours. He told me about how he had no job, no car, no home, and his wife had divorced him and took the children, not telling him where they were going. He also confessed that many of his problems were rooted in his addiction to alcohol. It was the first time I had ever been confronted with such problems, and I didn't know what to say. We just talked about how, no matter what happens, God will never leave us. God will always be there to love us, no matter how many mistakes we make.

I invited him to come to our children's programs the rest of the week, but he just shook his head like he wasn't listening. He didn't come the first night, but the second night he walked in late. I later found out that he had seen the vans pass by and had ran and hitchhiked the whole way to the church. I was so happy. I almost cried. He came every night after that and stayed late, playing games and teaching us words in Apache. On the last night we said goodbye, and I was able to say "I love you" in Apache.



Photo by Krishana Kraft

During the nightly worship, kids learn the motions to "Lord I Lift Your Name On High."

Men's tennis looking for a come-back

By **DEREK SHARPE**
Reporter

Last Wednesday, the Milligan College Men's tennis team lost 6-0 to Montreat College at Milligan, leaving them winless in six games.

The Buffaloes are having tough season, but have a positive outlook on the remainder of the season. With six freshman, two juniors, and just one senior, this year's team is a young one. "We are still practicing hard and looking forward to improving our record," said junior Stephen Sharpe.

This is Sharpe's first year with the tennis team. He switched over this spring from his usual presence on the soccer team at Milligan College.

"A more consistent play from all of us would help us, but for guys like me, this is our first year at this level," said Sharpe.

Duad Walker, who coaches the team, said the players understand the caliber of players they are up against and the limitation of talent on the team.

"[The team] looks to Jeremy Epling for leadership and inspiration through the tough times," Walker said.

The Buffs play Bluefield College this Saturday and are looking to play well at Bluefield.

"We are looking to come back this weekend with our first win," said Sharpe.

The team expects big plays from their No. 1 seed, freshman Tommy Gjerde and from Epling.

Walker said the team is more optimistic about this weekend because Bluefield College does not have the high caliber players as the conference powerhouses do. He added the team had already played the best teams in the conference and Virginia Intermont College looks to take top honors in the Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference.

"Really, everyone except V.I., is playing for second place," said Walker.

Next week, the men's tennis team will host King College and Bryan College.

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Wed., April 14

Men's Tennis TVAC tournament @ Liberty Bell in Johnson City TBA

Softball team vs. VA

Intermont @ home 3 p.m.

Thurs., April 15

Baseball team vs.

Bluefield @ home 1 p.m.

Softball team vs. TN

Wesleyan @ Athens 1 p.m.

Fri., April 16

Baseball team vs.

Bluefield @ home 2 p.m.

Tues., April 18

Softball team vs. UVA-

Wise @ Wise 2 p.m.

Tues., April 18-19

Golf team NAIA Region XII Championship

Ky. TBA

Campus Life:

Thurs., April 13

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Sat., April 15

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Mon., April 17

"Pat on the Back" volunteer appreciation dinner by VAC and Chick-Fil-A

Committee rethinks Sutton murals

By MELANIE LORENZ

Reporter

When Layla Miller moved to Hart Hall in the fall of 1999, she found the dorm halls covered with new white paint, replacing the colorful old murals from the years before. Like other students, she was disappointed with the new atmosphere.

"When I came here, that's what I liked," said Miller. "I think a lot of people liked the murals."

This year, concerned students from the other major girls' dorm, Sutton, are mounting a petition in their own building to save the murals from a repainting this summer. The group plans to deliver the signatures from concerned residents to Mark Fox, vice president for student development.

Despite the petition, the residents of Sutton Dorm, Fox and Clarinda Jeanes, head of the campus restoration crew, do agree on one thing: the tradition of mural painting in the Hart and Sutton dorms should continue.

"I don't want people to get the idea that we're out to cover up the murals," said Jeanes. "The dorm walls in Sutton are full. Don't new students have the right to paint, too?"

Deven Hazelwood, a Sutton Dorm resident and spokeswoman, said, "Students are asking to have a voice in what goes on the wall of our residence hall. We want to save some of these memories, picking out some to keep and designating areas in which we can continue this tradition."

Jeanes' volunteer crew could possibly

be the group chosen to paint Sutton Dorm in the this summer, but they take all their orders from Fox. Fox said:

"Painting the dorm is certainly being considered, but the decision hasn't been made yet," said Fox.

He added, students have been painting the dorm halls since he was a student at Milligan in the late 70's.

"I think that maybe its time to freshen them up — every summer we work on the dorms to clean them up," said Fox.

Students from the two girls' dorms, perspectives, and even some of the men on campus appreciate the murals and don't want to see them go.

"I guess they are trying to clean up the wall, and yes, there are some mural that are just scary...but we don't want to see some of these memories painted over so soon," said Deven Hazelwood.

Shae Trousdale, a perspective student from Indiana, said, "I think the murals are neat. They give the dorm a little more character."

Jason Harville, a member of the Student Government Association, said,

"Everyone I know says they want them up."

Students do, however, recognize the need to keep the dorms in good repair. As a compromise, Hazelwood suggested picking a few murals to keep and designating areas where the tradition of mural painting can continue.

Jeanes said, "If we paint, we'll have to do the whole thing. It would require too many man-hours to paint around the mu-



Murals in dorms have been a student tradition. Students say they add character and color to each floor. Photo by J. Jassot.

ral, and it would look too sloppy."

Dean Fox emphasized that the decision would not be made until summer but said that if Sutton is repainted, the procedure would be identical to Hart Hall. Every mural in Hart was painted over, but two or three large sections on every floor were designated as areas for future murals. Any student wanting to express their artistic talents on the hall wall can submit their plans at any time to their resident director. Fox and the resident director would sit down and discuss the possibilities.

"I think the hallways look dingy and need brightened up. After that, I say, 'let them start painting again,'" said Jeanes.

Cabinet discusses plans for parking

By PHILLIP BROWN

Reporter

Next year students that park illegally might find a \$20 parking ticket on their windshield.

"We have not had a lot of complaints. We just have been swamped this year with people not paying parking tickets," said Mark Fox, vice-president of student development.

Fox and the rest of the Milligan Executive Cabinet are trying to solve the parking problems on campus. The Executive Cabinet consists of the president, vice-presidents of the college and other administrative officials. According to Fox they have "kicked around many ideas in order to solve the problems with parking."

He said ideas include not letting freshmen have cars, having privileged parking, having students pay to park, having fresh-

"We pay enough as it is to go here, we should be able to park wherever we want."

-Chuck Arnold

men park in the canyon behind the chapel and raising the minimum fine from \$5 to \$20.

If the minimum fine is raised, the price should stop students from parking where they are not supposed to according to Fox.

"Five dollars is a lot of money to col-

lege students and \$20 is just too expensive," sophomore Chuck Arnold said.

Milligan's parking problem doesn't compare to universities like East Tennessee State University or Virginia Tech where freshmen are not allowed to bring cars to school because of the shortage of parking spaces.

Milligan students like Arnold think that paying for parking spaces is unreasonable.

"We pay enough as it is to go here, we should be able to park wherever we want," Arnold said.

Fox said that the parking ticket increase is not final, but it seems like the most simple solution to the problem.

"No where in society are we allowed to do whatever we want, wherever we want and that benefits our society as a whole," Fox said.

Editorials

Real life fears

By **STEPHANIE MITCHUM**
Managing Editor

Tic-toc, tic-toc, the minutes, hours and days flip rapidly leaving some of us seniors scratching our heads asking ourselves, "Where did the time go?"

And yet I am continually amazed at the passivity of my fellow classmates on the subject of our future. I have had several conversations like this:

Me: So, what are your plans after graduation?

Senior: Oh, I don't know. Probably going home to work at—(fill in the blanks)—where I normally work in the summers.

Me: (trying to hide my disappointment) Oh, sounds nice. (fake smile)

What ever happened to good old-fashioned job searching? You know that concept where you laboriously mail out resume after resume, change your answering machine from silly (you sucked helium and recorded yourself as a chipmunk) to dull (you are on your best behavior in a professional voice even your mother wouldn't recognize), and then hope and pray that someone wants to hire you?

Where is Milligan in all of this? Sending us reminders to buy our cap and gown, making sure we take our senior exams and ensuring that we will be sure to remember this fine institution when we do fall into money? Oh wait, there is that class. What is it called? Real Life 101. But who has time? We are all too busy sending out resumes, going to interviews and ironing our business suits, right?

So what are you doing after graduation, Stephanie?

I have no idea.

I have however, sent out 25 resumes complete with cover letters and samples of my writing. I do have two job interviews this week. Not to polish my halo, but come on guys, let's get real.

Have we spent all of this money and time just to go home and work at the same stagnant jobs we have always had? I mean come on, we are highly educated individuals who can all identify the "Woman of Willendorf."

I propose (that is, if anyone is listening)

that Milligan prepare us for the real world a little bit more than offering optional classes. (I opted no.) Someone needs to sit us down and make us write resumes. They need to make us send these resumes to our respective fields. Then they need to teach us what not to say in an interview. I mean what if I go into my interviews this week and suddenly blurt out, "I don't know what skills I could bring to your company, but I do know what it means to be human."

A liberal arts education is a truly valuable asset, but when it comes down to getting a job, I feel totally unprepared.

I also propose (if anyone is still listening) that students take some initiative. This ambivalence toward our future is not Milligan's fault. Seniors, please physically remove yourselves from your parent's house this summer. It may take some time to get on your feet financially, but at least make that move. Get a job in your field as soon as possible. Ask your advisor to help you create a resume. Use the career services here at Milligan with Elisa Dunman to help you get a job.

If I could say one thing to my class (besides wear sunscreen), it would be get scared. Let that fear motivate you to do your best work and to stretch yourself beyond your wildest imaginations. Dream big and then dream bigger. Take your education to the farthest degree possible.

I end this editorial with a tribute to my father. My father graduated from Milligan in 1974. He was the senior class president. After Milligan, he got his masters degree from the University of Tennessee. My father's dream was to work overseas. For 22 years he worked hard and climbed the corporate ladder until one day he came home and announced he had been offered a job that would take him to Germany. Now my family lives in London.

He did all of this on a Milligan education. Many others have done likewise. It can be done. Good job, Dad. Thank you for being a role-model. I hope I can someday be as successful as you are.

Tic-toc.

Much Ado Review

By **CHRISTAN MCKAY**
Reporter

The Milligan theater department's rendition of William Shakespeare's comedy "Much Ado About Nothing," directed and produced by Richard Major, was absolutely wonderful. It was well directed, acted, and put together.

This play is one of the easiest to follow of Shakespeare's plays. The simple plot deals with marriage and love, plans to destroy integrity, and humorous personalities. It lacks the twists, turns and subplots of several of Shakespeare's other works, making it more enjoyable for those audience members who are not accustomed to the language.

The set and costumes were beautifully put together. They were colorful and elegant, and the set worked well for the play, especially in the limited space. My favorite costume was the elegant gown of Beatrice, while Dogberry and his fellow watchmen definitely claimed the funniest attire. Costumes were designed by Karen Brewster while the scenic design was done by Andria Smith, both which were also aided by students from Milligan's theater department.

My only complaints about the play were in the area of sound. Though the selections of music and sound effects were appropriate, they were sometimes too loud and distracted from the action. In another instance, in the party scene, the extras distracted from the main actors by talking and laughing in the background. Though this in moderation may have added to the party atmosphere, I felt it was too loud and therefore made it difficult to stay focused on the action of the speakers.

All of the players did a wonderful job in portraying their roles. I felt that the timing of the lines was good, and pauses for laughter were well thought out. Several actors and actresses stood out as particularly good.

The villains of the play, Don John, played by Alan Handman, Borachio, played by Phillip Brown, and Conrade, played by Dan Drage, did a great job in their depi-

cable characters. Their maniacal laughter and grotesque masks added to the believability of their roles. They even managed to get some laughs despite their less than loveable personas.

One of the highlights of the production was Dogberry, played by Benjamin Lee, and his fellow watchmen. The other members of his crew included Jason Evans in the role of Verges, and Todd Edmondson, Jeremy Russell and Shane Smith. You could not keep from laughing when these five were on stage. Between the mixed up speeches, hilarious movements and stuttering watchmen the audience was rolling with laughter.

One noteworthy individual performance was by humanities professor Jack Knowles, who played Leonato. One of the best scenes included Claudio, Don Pedro and Leonato as they tried to convince Benedick that Beatrice loved him. Knowles caught several laughs as he fell to the ground and illustrated his points with wild gestures.

Lee Blackburn, playing the proud Benedick, also displayed talent. His animated face and vocal inflection provided entertainment and made the performance fun to watch.

My favorite character was Beatrice who came alive through the person of Kristie Rolape. Her dramatic range emerged as she played both comic parts and lament filled scenes with seeming ease. She really made you feel that she was Shakespeare's Beatrice, not simply a student playing a role. My only regret is that this will be her last performance at Milligan.

I thoroughly enjoyed the performance of "Much Ado." I recommend seeing any future performances of the Milligan Theater Department. The show ran from April 5-8, but coming up is the festival of one act plays and films from April 26-28, so more dramatic talent at Milligan will be available for entertainment yet this year.

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News

Students hope stock market-risks pay off later

By NATALIE ALUND
Assistant Editor

A few Milligan students have found a new way of earning extra cash — investing in stock.

"When you trade stocks and do it well, it's like having a second job for free," said junior Seth Cutsinger.

Cutsinger began his investments during the summer, and junior Corey Webb decided to buy stock after he played the stock market game in his macroeconomics class last semester.

"Playing the game got me used to watching them [the stocks] everyday," Webb said.

But Bill Greer, the professor of economics who teaches the class, said he has concerns about students jumping into the stock market for a short period of time just to make some quick cash.

"It's fun to play with a little money, but you should never play with more than you can lose," he warned.

Webb was serious about his investment decision when he decided last September to seek the counsel of a stockbroker at J.C. Bradford & Co., a brokerage in Johnson City. Through the broker's advice, Webb invested in a stock and also a mutual fund, which is a

low-risk way of investing in many stocks that a company handles for the stockholder.

Although Webb said he knows that playing the stock market can be risky, he thinks the risks are worth it. Investing has proved worth it for him anyway since in less than five months he has earned more than double what he first invested.

"If you invest your money in stocks, most of the time you will make more money than if you were to have it in a savings account," Webb said.

His fellow classmate, Cutsinger has earned 90 percent of what he invested last year. But while Webb has always kept the same stocks, Cutsinger said he keeps his stock until it reaches a high and then sells through his broker at home in Louisville, Ky. He currently holds three different stocks.

"I owned one stock for 17 minutes. The longest I ever owned one was four months," Cutsinger said.

Greer however, prefers to invest for the long-term having owned stock since 1985.

"Investing should be done with long-term goals in mind," Greer said. "College students have a lot of years to ride through the highs and lows of the stock market."

Some students have approached the professor with questions about which

stocks to buy and when to sell. But he sends students straight to his broker, David McKain of J.C. Bradford & Co.

The professor advises that investors follow a methodical pattern and invest the same amount every month. He added that buying a good company with an established history is wise.

"Building good savings and investing habits...involves being a good steward with what you have and putting your money in well-established investments with a history of long-term growth," Greer said. "This is a smart way to build a big portfolio over the long run."

Cutsinger bought his first stock, Titan, (TTN) last summer. His brokerage, Paine



Seth Cutsinger and Corey Webb check the status of their stocks through easy access to the Internet. Photo by Jill Jacob

and Webber, is in Louisville, KY. Cutsinger currently owns shares in three stocks which he has had share in since Christmas. They included Texio Bio Technology, (TXB) Genzyme Tissue Repair, (GZTR) and Earth Search Sciences, (ESS).

Summer causes heat about student housing

By SARAH SMALL
Reporter

During the summer, students wanting to live on campus while attending summer session classes will either live in Sutton or the A-frame.

"It's not really an option for students to live in MSA, but I can't say anything definite," said Mark Fox, dean of students.

The student development office has not decided if students will live in Sutton dorm, MSA or the A-Frame house on campus yet.

If the A-frame is occupied this summer, guys and girls will live on separate floors. Here, students would have access to a kitchen, since the cafeteria will not be

open for much of the summer.

The A-frame only holds ten students. Fox said he did not know how many students were planning to enroll this summer and would not know until the end of the school year. If there are an abundance of students to be enrolled, Fox said he is not sure what will happen.

If students live in Sutton, they will not have air conditioning nor be able to cook their own food unless everything is cooked by microwave.

Junior Josselyn Zimmerman said she doesn't want to live in Sutton because she has bad allergies and there is no air conditioning.

"If I don't have that (air conditioning)

then my allergies will be very bad this summer," said Zimmerman. "Also I don't want to not have the ability to cook food. I can't afford to eat out every meal, and the microwave does not exactly offer very many inexpensive or healthy options."

Some students just want a place to live on campus and do not mind where it is.

"I do not really care where I live as long as it is on campus," said sophomore Angie Humphries. "I usually eat with my fiancé and his family anyway, and I can live without air conditioning. I do have a small problem with living in the same house as guys if we live in the A-Frame."

Students who need to stay here this summer do not have the option of rent-

ing an apartment this summer, because they can not rent an apartment for two months. Subletting, which is leasing or renting all or part of a leased or rented property, is not an option either for many students because very few of them are allowed to live off of campus.



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News

Schedule changes reflect academic priorities

By GINA HOLTMAN
Assistant Editor

As students preregister this week, they will have the new option of taking a class at 11:15 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday since chapel and convocation have moved to Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 per the request of the faculty.

"Widespread feeling amongst the faculty was that it would be very desirable to have a class at 11:15 on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays," said Dr. Jack Knowles, chair of humane learning and a member of the faculty-concerns committee.

The new schedule has chapel and convocation letting out at 11:50, and from 11:50 until 12:40 no classes are scheduled to allow a designated lunch time for students. This will reduce the number of students who are forced to miss lunch because their classes go straight through the lunch period. The faculty found that most of the students who are forced to

miss lunch this semester have had the problem on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Another reason the change seems good to the faculty is because students have had several class conflicts at the 9:05 and 10:10 hours, and with adding an 11:15 class, students might have fewer scheduling difficulties, Knowles added.

"Regaining the 11:15 hour would take some pressure off of the 9 and 10 hours," he said.

The 11:15 time-slot on Monday, Wednesday and Friday is a prime slot for classes because it meets three days a week and is a good time of day, according to Knowles.

"It's not early, and it's not afternoon," he said.

The faculty-concerns committee suggested moving the chapel and convo time at an academic committee meeting, and once the academic committee approved the new schedule, it went to the President's cabinet, where it received final approval.

Students like junior Lisa Hendrix said they

are happy about the new schedule because of the designated time for lunch.

"The Monday/Wednesday thing is a problem for me because I have classes all around chapel and I can't eat lunch," Hendrix said. "They make the grab and go, but I don't like to do that, I like to go to lunch."

Dave Taylor said that the grab-and-go program, where students can pick up their meals in the S.U.B. if they have a class during mealtimes, will still be around next year and may be enhanced.

Besides allowing her a meal time in the cafeteria, Hendrix also said she likes the Tuesday/Thursday chapel and convo schedule because it is "more balanced." Like many juniors and seniors, she remembers when chapel and convo was on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30, three years ago, which was her freshman year.

"It just makes more sense," she said. "I don't know why they changed it in the first place."

The schedule moved to Monday and

Wednesday at 11:15 under Academic Dean Weedman. "The faculty did not like to break up the mornings with the 9:30 time on Tuesdays and Thursdays because lab sciences had trouble scheduling times and education students had to be out in the field all morning."

Lately, the faculty has enjoyed having 11:15 on Fridays free because they know that no one has a class scheduled and they can schedule meetings where most people can be in attendance. Knowles said it will just become little a harder to schedule meetings.

"It is the consensus of the faculty that the negative is outweighed by the positive," Knowles said.

Hendrix said that losing the 11:15 class on Friday does not make her sad to say goodbye to the Monday and Wednesday chapel and convo times.

"In a way it's nice to have the free hour on Friday, but it's not like you do anything anyway," Hendrix said.

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2nd period-9:05-10:00
3rd period-10:10-11:05
4th period-11:15-12:10
5th period-12:20-1:15
6th period-1:25-2:20
7th period-2:30-3:25
8th period-3:35-4:30
9th period-4:40-5:35
10th period-5:45-6:40

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3rd period-11:00-11:50
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The Stampede would like to thank you for your continued readership. Good luck with finals and have a great summer! Y'all be good now!

Seniors upset over graduation seating

By NATALIE ALUND
Assistant Editor

When De'Marco Kidd booked eight hotel rooms for his family members at the Garden Plaza Hotel, for graduation weekend, he had no idea that only 6 of them would have seats.

"It's crazy," said senior Kidd. "I pay tens of thousands of dollars to go here, and when graduation comes along they tell me I can't have my whole family here."

Kidd along with at least a dozen other students are dissatisfied with the limited seating for commencement in Seeger Chapel on May 6, 2000.

Due to the limited seating for graduation in past years, administration issued six tickets to 159 graduating seniors so their families could sit in Seeger chapel.

"We felt it was fair to give priority to families," said Vicki Warkoczski, administrative assistant to the president.

Ticket issuing was started this year by the newly formed commencement committee. The committee consists of: Warkoczski, Dr. Don Jeanes, president, Tracy Brinn, assistant registrar, Sue Skidmore, registrar, Carmen Allen, administrative assistant for academic affairs, John Wakefield, associate professor of music, Lee Fierbaugh, director of public relations, Dave Taylor, director of food services and Mark Matson, academic dean.

Senior Nick Tule sent out a mass e-mail to the student body trying to find other seniors who don't have as many family members as he does, in order to accommodate his nine family members.

Tule said he is frustrated with the way the school is going about ticket distribution.

"It's cool students and faculty can come and watch but they need to realize that most of our parents are footing the bill, so they de-

serve the right to be there," Tule said.

Jeanes said the committee felt that every graduate was entitled to have some family on the main level.

"We always have more people attending that we can seat in upper Seeger," Jeanes said. "The parents who come 30-45 minutes before the beginning of the service can't find a place and have to go to lower Seeger..."

"It's cool students and faculty can come and watch but they need to realize that most of our parents are footing the bill, so they deserve the right to be there,"

-Nick Tule

Brinn said in the past Milligan has suggested students bring seven guests, but the rule has always been by an honor system. She added that because students in the past have invited an excess of friends and family, some students parents had to sit in the chapel window sills while others parents had to watch their children graduate on video.

"In previous years we have had students families saving three rows of seats in the chapel," Brinn said. "It has gotten to be unfair."

Mitchell said he does not think graduation should be limited just because the school's facilities are too small.

"It's saddens me that my high school was better prepared for commencement than Milligan College," said senior Sean Mitchell. "I think they should accommodate the students and hold it at Freedom Hall," Mitchell said.

Senior Chris Booth also sent out an e-

mail in search of extra tickets for his family.

Booth said he is irritated because he feels graduation could be held somewhere else on campus.

"We have the room," Booth said. "They just need to get a little more creative like having graduation on the soccer field. Hard to see or even the area where intramural football is played," Booth said.

So far, the committee has no plan to change the location of graduation.

"I assume most students would want to graduate on campus," Brinn said.

Brinn added that if graduation were to be moved off campus there would be an additional cost and she didn't think students would like that.

Warkoczski said cost should be kept at a minimum and she questioned the appropriateness of changing the location of graduation.

"Students and parents also need to take into consideration the weather and available seating," Warkoczski said.

One resolution to the limited seating suggested by committee members includes contacting other seniors who do not have as many family members to ask them for their extra tickets.

"Every graduate is entitled to his/her immediate family in the chapel," Jeanes said. "The fairest way is to give every graduate an equal number of tickets. If they don't need all of them, they can share with others who need more. Many schools give tickets because they don't have unlimited capacity."

At 1:45 p.m., on the day of graduation, all seats remaining in Seeger will be available to anyone.

For all other guest who do not get a seat in the chapel, there is an overflow seating area in lower Seeger where commencement will be shown on a big-screen TV.



Limited seating last year caused some to find their seats in the window sills of Seeger. Photo by the 98-99 yearbook staff

News

Security discussed during physical plant meeting

By REGINA HOLTMAN
Assistant Editor

Leonard Beattie, the director of the physical plant, said that he has "concerns" about the security on Milligan campus.

"It can't be that much longer until we have a problem," he said to trustees and advisors in a board meeting last Thursday.

Beattie then told a story about what happened three weeks ago when a strange man who was seen prowling around Milligan campus and was arrested later that night at ETSU. They could only keep him on charges of traffic violations, but the police officers on duty at ETSU strongly suspect he is the man who has exposed himself to women on campus numerous times, according to Chief Kemplinger at ETSU.

But Beattie said compared to most colleges and universities across the country, Milligan is safe.

"There is room for improvements, but overall just looking at the incidents, we are doing okay," Beattie said.

About two months ago he decided to get some outside feedback on the security situation at Milligan. Beattie commissioned Murray Guard Services, the service that the school uses for its security, to conduct a survey to assess how Milligan stands in the safety department.

"I thought it was good to have an independent group of people survey the college," he said.

They suggested many things for Milligan, including getting an electronic key entry system, better lock systems, cameras and handing out fewer keys to buildings out to students.

"We are pursuing it, it is a Cabinet thing and they are pursuing it, but it is a financial thing too," Beattie said.

Beattie said that he would like to have security officers on duty 24 hours a day. Currently, the two officers are on the night shift covering the hours collectively from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. and the physical plant provides security during the day.

He said 24-hour security would also help the parking problems Milligan has been ex-

periencing because the guards would be available to write tickets during the day.

Meanwhile, a survey called the Student Satisfaction Inventory that Milligan conducted last fall showed that students perceive that Milligan has a problem with security.

Milligan fell behind other four-year private institutions and other colleges in the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities, having a larger gap between student expectation and satisfaction in the area of safety and security.

Beattie said that he is watching the safety at Milligan and is looking ahead to ward off any future troubles.

"I've got to wave the red flag when things start changing for the worse," he said.

Beattie said that he would like to have security officers on duty 24 hours a day.

Dorm programs increase next year with changes

More focus placed on the quality of resident life

By MISTY FRY
Reporter

Next year Elisa Dunman will give up her responsibilities within the career development department to focus on programs for the dorms and to train resident assistants (R.A.'s).

Dunman, the director of campus activities and career development, will create new programs for dorm life in order to make life in the dorms a better experience.

"I am really excited about the change in responsibilities," said Dunman. "When I was a student at Milligan, I wished there was more attention given to resident assistants, to residents' life. There is a lot we can do to enhance student learning,

student personal development, really increasing our effectiveness."

Dunman, along with Mark Fox, dean of students, will be designing the dorm programs this summer. According to Dunman, a consultant is coming in May to aid in plans to train the R.A.'s for next fall. Dunman said the reason he is coming is to "help design something unique and special to Milligan."

Meanwhile this summer, Dunman will be working on the dorm plans for next fall.

"I will be working on the programs for the dorms this summer. I will also be training the new R.A.'s, more than what has been done in the past," said Dunman, who recently finished her Masters degree in College Student Affairs.

One of the new programs for the dorms next year, initiated by Junior Kim Becker and Sophomore Andrew Parker, involves having discipleship coordinators on every floor of each dorm. This intent of this program is to get small groups going and to enhance relationships.

Replacing Dunman's position is John Paul Abner, assistant professor of occupational therapy. The focuses of his at-

tention will be on careers, leadership development and retention (which is students staying at Milligan). Fox, Mike Johnson, vice-president for enrollment management, and Dean Matson, academic dean are also doing retention work.

"Elisa did a great job and I think [John Paul Abner] will be able to build off that and expand that," said Fox. "I feel very confident that that will continue."



The A-frame could also see changes next year with the addition of a resident assistant, which is presently under discussion. Photo by Jill Jacob

Hart acquires new resident directors for next year

By MISTY FRY
Reporter

As Melissa Noble says goodbye to the position of Hart Hall's resident director, Milligan graduates Ethan and Betsy Magness will take her place.

"Both of us are really excited," said Betsy Magness. "I lived in Hart for two years and really enjoyed it. My husband is involved in campus ministry, and it just seemed like a natural thing. Both of us love

Milligan and are interested in campus ministry."

Noble, who has been the resident director of Hart for seven years, is leaving with her husband, Tim, and daughter, Sarah, in June.

Ethan Magness is the youth minister at Grandview Christian Church, and his wife is a student at Emmanuel School of Religion.

More than a dozen students on Milligan's campus are already familiar with the Magnesses because of their participation in Grandview's youth group.

"Ethan is a very dedicated person," said Travis Mitchum, a regular attendee at Grandview. "He is a good Christian that doesn't just talk it, but he practices what he preaches. He is a perfect RD for Hart."

Ethan is the son of professors Dr. Lee Magness and Dr. Pat Magness. Across campus his Christian reputation is well known.

"No one will get the job done as well as Ethan because Ethan comes from a long line of intellectual superiority," said Russ Hertzog, a long-time family friend. "I know that his judgement will far surpass that of

anyone of that which he comes in contact with."

The Magnesses addition is also looked at optimistically from Milligan staff members as well.

"You hate to lose people that are strong employees but they are going to be replaced with people that are very strong in their own right," said Mark Fox, vice-president for student development, in the student development trustee meeting.

"This will bring positive changes," Fox said.

News

Renovations planned this summer for the S.U.B.

By REGINA HOLTMAN
Assistant Editor

Milligan students will return next year to a new and improved grill complete with a patio, booths, hanging lamps, refinished floors, an enhanced menu and a self-service area that will make lines to pay shorter.

"We are doing an extensive overhaul," said Dave Taylor, director of food services at Milligan.

Right after graduation, the construction will begin and the grill will close for three weeks in May and two weeks in August. Taylor said that the grill will remain open

while such summer groups as Christ in Youth Conference come this summer.

Pioneer Foods, the company that provides food services for Milligan and many other Christian colleges, is financing the change as they did for the changes in the cafeteria last summer. Taylor said that the President of Pioneer and the President of Milligan reached an agreement on the issue.

"We've done something every year to invest in Milligan," Taylor said.

The new self-serve area will enable students to get their own fountain drinks, cappuccino and coffee and coolers holding salads and croissant sandwiches will also

be available.

Taylor said the grill is also enhancing menu options through selling pizza by the slice and other grab-and-go type foods. They will offer more foods that are quick to get while maintaining their cook-to-order service.

"I'm hoping it will be less crowded at lunch," said Cara Estep, who is a senior in high school and has worked in the grill since last summer and will work this summer as well.

The volume of people in the grill may increase according to Taylor, because people will not have to wait in line as long as they

did this year and therefore will be more willing to come for lunch. These extra people will be accommodated because the grill will have more seating.

Next year, a "name the patio" contest will occur in September or October. Taylor said that discussions for putting a patio in up in the cafeteria or down in the S.U.B. have been going on for the last five years, but finally the plan are becoming reality.

According to Taylor, the administration at Milligan is investigating the possibility of students being able to use their meal plan for credit in the grill, but the matter is undecided because it would increase expense.

Academic committee discusses area concerns

By STEPHANIE MITCHUM
Managing Editor

Mark Matson aired his "laundry list" of academic concerns in front of board members in the academic affairs committee meeting, Thursday.

"We have more accreditation issues than you want to think about," said Matson, academic dean.

Matson addressed the committee following reports from chair department heads. His concerns included over-worked faculty, loss of faculty next year due to sabbaticals and resignations, classroom facilities and some of the overall weaknesses in departments.

Board members visit Milligan each fall and spring. They approve new policies and programs, and hold the overall role of evaluating every aspect of the college, said Matson.

There are eight committees within the board of trustees. The committees meet to discuss issues within their specified area. They do not have power to take action based

on these committee meetings, however, they report to the board as a whole who has the power to approve policies and to regulate the budget.

There are nine department chair heads at Milligan. Each department shared news with board members on the committees. Most departments focused on faculty changes, student achievements and accreditation updates.

Both the social learning department and the humane learning department expressed satisfaction with Dr. Ted Thomas, associate professor of humanities, history and German.

"Thomas has prompted a tremendous response from students," said Jack Knowles, chair of humane learning.

Dick Major, chair of performing, visual and communicative arts reviewed Jim Dahlman, who is in his first year of teaching as an assistant professor of communications.

"Jim fit in very well with the overall philosophy of the department," Major said.

The performing arts department, social learning department, nursing department and registrars office all reported student success

stories to the committee.

Sue Skidmore, registrar, read the names of 22 graduating seniors accepted into graduate schools across the country.

"I know this list may seem long, but you will be interested to hear these names and where they are going," Skidmore said.

Many departments expressed a concern for over-worked staff. With the many accreditations such as the department-wide SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) and the education department's NCATE (National Commission Accreditation for Teacher Education), faculty have had extra duties this year.

"A big concern for me is faculty loads," Matson said. "In education especially, we are going to have to find ways to address this."

This becomes critical especially in departments that lose staff to sabbatical or resignations.

Four professors will go on sabbatical next year. Phil Kennesson, Diane Junker, Carol Roose and Ruby Beck will take time to further their education or write books.

"Sabbaticals are an important part to prepare faculty to be cutting-edge and more effective," Matson said.

He told board members that classroom facilities are "shabby". Derthick is too hot in the fall, some classrooms are physically too small to be effective learning environments and many are not multi-media equipped.

Major reported sell-out crowds at this spring's production, "Much Ado About Nothing," Matson said, "While the theater program is excellent, the facilities are poor."

"Dick always pulls magic rabbits out of hats when he uses the resources here," he said. "Most high schools have better performing arts centers than Milligan."

Other facilities Matson addressed included the library and the language lab.

"I'm concerned with staying up with technology," he added.

These are all part of the challenges of being a small school. Some of these issues boil down to funding, according to the academic dean.

Program proposals passed

By STEPHANIE MITCHUM
Managing Editor

The academic affairs committee passed a long list of new program proposals at their meeting Friday afternoon.

"The whole packet was passed by the committee," said Mark Matson, academic dean. "Now the committee has to recommend it to the full board of trustees."

The proposals included rationale, program description, financial needs, and any changes in major course work caused by the proposal. These proposals are usually passed, so I wasn't surprised, Matson said.

One of the programs proposed was a public leadership and service major. According to the program description, it would draw

from courses in social learning, performing, visual and communicative arts, scientific learning and professional learning. In keeping with the bachelor of arts tradition, it would require a foreign language. A full time political science professor needs to be hired to teach essential classes in the major.

"This major is attractive because many prospective students will be attracted to the idealistic nature of Christian public service," states the proposal.

Other proposals include adding a middle grades and special education minors to the education program. As well as a minor in general science which would "complement a student's chosen major and may encourage more students to pursue their interest in the sciences".

Top Ten List

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1. Santana
Maria Maria
2. Jennifer Knapp
A Little More
3. 'N Sync
Bye Bye Bye
4. Destiny's Child
Say My Name
5. Newsboys
Beautiful Sound

6. Macy Gray
I Try
7. FFH
When I Praise
8. Sonique
Feels So Good
9. Marc Anthony
You Sang To Me
10. Pink
There You Go

News

Juried art exhibition held in Ground Zero

By KRISHANA KRAFT

Editor-in-Chief

Last Thursday in Ground Zero Gallery, Suzanne Stryk selected the winners of the 2000 Juried Student Art Exhibition.

"It is interesting because when you first look at a piece you may think of it as an artwork, not as a student work," Stryk said. "[For example] this mask gave me an immediate response, which is something you really have to go with."

Stryk was selected by the fine arts faculty members to jury this show because of her experience in art. She has juried art ex-

hibits in both colleges and art centers for six years. She has a degree in painting and art history and is a painter who has exhibited widely, both regionally and nationally. Stryk also writes artwork reviews and has had them published in art journals.

A piece of art must express something, according to Stryk. She described it as having something "working" in the piece of artwork.

"Some works may be abstract, others express a more psychological issue," Stryk said. "Each work will do different types of things, but the question is does it know what it wants to be?"

Stryk studied the works of the Ground Zero Gallery and looked at the consistency between two pieces of work by the same person. She said it is easier for an artist to produce different types of art, but the artist that is consistent in their work is on the next level, or has a distinct "voice."

Nick Blosser, assistant professor of art and humanities, said this exhibit was important because it gives students an opportunity to display their work and for some to be awarded for their efforts.

"Art is made to be seen," Blosser said. "This exhibit makes students feel like they have something to work towards."

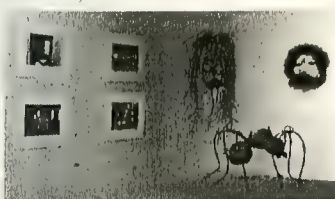
Blosser said six years ago was the first time they had an actual gallery to have these types of exhibits. Blosser, who headed up the creation of the Ground Zero Gallery, said when the decision was made to give the art department the classrooms and hallway in the basement of Derthick he took it as an opportunity to create a gallery.

"This hallway used to have a drop ceiling and concrete walls," Blosser said. "So we took out the ceiling to make it feel bigger and did a lot of work on the walls in order to place nails for hanging work."

This is the sixth year for the juried ex-



Suzanne Stryk studied a piece by Tara Marasco. Students could submit more than one piece of work if they have had more than one fine arts course. Photo by Krishana Kraft



Pieces in the exhibition included photographs, sculpture, paintings and drawings. Photo by Krishana Kraft

hibit, which holds 86 works by Milligan students who have taken art or photography classes.

The exhibit, which includes sculpture, photography, drawing and painting will end on May 5. The winners will receive cash awards.

Perkins takes second plunge into Christ and Culture

By NATALIE ALUND

Assistant Editor

A void will be filled when Dr. Phil Kenneson departs for his year-long sabbatical next August, and Miriam Perkins (soon to be Miriam Perkins Fernie) steps onto the grounds of Milligan.

"Miriam is one of the finest Milligan graduates it has had in the past decade," said Phil Kenneson, associate professor of theology and philosophy. "Students will benefit greatly from her."

Miriam Perkins, a Milligan graduate, will take over Kenneson's position next fall, teaching three Christ and culture sections and a new Bible class entitled Women's Dis-

cipleship in the 21st century.

"I'm thrilled," Perkins said. "I am looking forward to sharing in the community at Milligan again and contributing in a new and different way."

Perkins believes she has been truly blessed with a God-given opportunity.

"God shaped my life during my time at Milligan," Perkins said. "Almost everything I've done and the ways I think about my faith really stem from what I learned and experienced at Milligan."

Perkins said she had a number of short-term goals she would like to see fulfilled while teaching at Milligan.

"I want to give of myself, participate fully, engage with students and be open to

what God might teach me," Perkins said.

She also emphasized the importance of group learning.

"I place strong emphasis on learning together and learning in conversation with one another," Perkins said. "Learning how to have a good conversation about difficult topics is important."

For Perkins, next fall will be a testing year.

"This gives her the opportunity to be in the classroom to decide if she wants to spend six or seven years in graduate school and to see if this is what she wants to do," Kenneson said.

"I will try to figure out if I want to work with studies in a college atmosphere, work-

ing directly with academics," Perkins said.

Perkins has a Master of Divinity from Emmanuel School of Religion and currently is the Director of Women's Ministry at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. She has taught at the university for three years.

In Ohio, Perkins teaches a weekly worship service (comparable to Milligan's vespers), has weekly studies, plans retreats and plays the role of chaplain for the university.

Kenneson said he will miss teaching all the graduating seniors while on his sabbatical.

"I'm kind of torn about it, and I will really miss teaching all the seniors, but I have a lot of confidence in Miriam's ability," Kenneson said.

Stampfli leaves music area for position in Illinois

By CHRISTAN MCKAY

Reporter

After a six-year stay at Milligan, Assistant Professor of Music Tom Stampfli has decided to move on.

"I have had a chance to work with some really fine students while at Milligan," Stampfli said. "I have watched them go from talented, but untrained, to professionals, and that's always a great satisfaction."

Stampfli will finish the year at Milligan and then move to Greenville, Ill. where he will be head of the piano division at Greenville College. He will also be serving as chair of the entire music department.

Greenville is a liberal arts college founded

in 1892. It is affiliated with the Free Methodist Church and has approximately 850 students. The college offers several degrees in music, including a bachelor of arts in music, a bachelor of arts in church music, and a bachelor of science in contemporary Christian music. Graduates include the members of the CCM band Jars of Clay.

"I was attracted there because it is also a Christian college, but also because it has a much larger music program with 150 majors," Stampfli said. "They are more technologically oriented in many of their music programs."

According to Stampfli, his background in the technological aspects of music will help him in his new position, as well as helping him use his talents to the fullest.

"I want to help the students there grow in all facets of music and to utilize technology to their benefit, rather than detracting from the program," Stampfli said. "In the 21st century nobody can ignore technology. Students who choose to do that will not be prepared for the market."

Stampfli says that since it is already difficult to make it in the music world, it is important to keep up with and teach the latest innovations.

"If you want to make it in music, you have to be prepared," he said.

Stampfli looks back on his time at Milligan as productive and wishes to thank his students and colleagues for making it a pleasant experience and for becoming friends along the way.

way.

"My students are wonderful kids," he said. "They're wonderful Christians and the hardest thing I do in leaving is leaving them behind. I wish Milligan the very best as it continues to meet its mandate in providing a Christian education and serving God in this area."



Tom Stampfli
Photo by Jill Jacob

Features

Seventh from Adam use talents for outreach

by GREG RITTER
reporter



Jeremy Walker led worship in Show Low, Arizona during a recent mission trip with osroads. Photo by Russ Hertzog

Only a half-hour before its first concert at Sub 7, the Milligan band Seventh from Adam asked Becky Ruby to play violin with them.

Despite the short notice, Ruby joined, coming the fourth member of a band that would expand to seven members.

"We are done adding members to the band," said Jeremy Walker, Seventh from Adam's lead singer and rhythm drummer. "We don't want an orchestra."

Other members of the band are Tim Morton (lead guitar), Brian Talty (drummer), Aaron "Cheech" Johnston (bass and

background vocals), Chris Eger (keyboard and background vocals), and Rachel Knowles (hand percussion).

The band formed in February of 1999 when Eger and Walker decided to lead worship. They picked up five other members to form what is now known as Seventh from Adam.

The drummer that first year, Brad McMahan (bass player for another Milligan band, Esther's Request), played with Seventh from Adam until the band could find a permanent drummer.

Finally, the band decided to have a drummer interview.

"A couple of people showed up, but Brian was amazing so we asked him to join," Walker said.

Knowles was the last member to join the band. While recording a promotional three-song demo tape, the band asked Knowles to play djembe drum on one of the songs. When recording was finished, Knowles joined the band.

The band is beginning to travel to venues other than local coffeehouses. It has played in Knoxville, Tenn. and Kernersville, N.C. within the last two months.

"We want to play anywhere we feel called, but right now we want to stay around the area east of the Mississippi River," said Walker, who later added that he would like to tour

full-time.

Currently, Seventh from Adam is saving money to record a full-length album and print t-shirts and stickers to sell at concerts.

The band has begun discussions with Milligan's church relations department. At concerts Seventh from Adam describes itself as a band from Milligan College.

"We give a representation of Milligan by our actions on and off stage," Walker said. "Milligan helps to hold us accountable to each other and God."

The band wants to help support the college as an outreach, not just in Milligan-related concerts. Ministry is a primary focus for the band.

"If I could find out that a word I said on stage could affect or change someone's life, then I have already accomplished more than I could ever imagined for the Kingdom of God," Eger said.

The band's comes from Jude 1:14 but the meaning is from the life portrayed by Enoch, the seventh from Adam. Hebrews 11:5, of the New International Version of the Bible, says, "By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended to one who pleased God."

Eger said, "I found it and it was a good way to live day in and day out on and off the stage."

The band has no set mission statement.

"I call it a focus, because our main purpose is ministry and we have to focus on that to avoid other distractions that enter our lives," Walker said. "We have to strive for a mission not just think of it in one day. It is more of a mission goal."



Seventh from Adam performed concerts in the community of Show Low, Arizona as a way to draw people in to the activities the Milligan group had planned. (Picture does not include Brian Talty because he was not able to participate in the spring break trip.) Photo by Russ Hertzog

Chapel undergoes changes for the next year

by MELANIE LORENZ
reporter

Milligan Students attending mandatory Wednesday chapel services this year have noticed numerous changes in the worship style, leadership, and faculty involvement in prior years. Now things are changing again as Nathan Flora, a newly hired campus minister, assumes full responsibility for coordinating Chapel.

"Chapel here ought not to be typical," said Flora, "It should be a place where we can experiment and try a variety of things. The talents, energy, and unique educational environment here should allow us to be on the cutting edge."

There are some traditions that Flora would like to save and build on, but he is so bringing some creative new ideas to chapel service planning.

To Flora, variety in worship may include activities like paintings and acting, as well

as music. At the same time, he wants to observe the Christian Calendar, (events like celebrating Lent) and keep a good balance between outside speakers and inside voices in Chapel.

Even though the chapel committee has been disbanded this year because of scheduling difficulties, Flora plans on meeting with faculty and students to establish criteria expectations for services.

"My goal for chapel is to make it a time of corporate worship for the whole community here: students, faculty, and staff," Flora said.

Flora, hired last August, is only one of the many changes taking place.

This year President Jeanes closed staff offices on campus for the first time during

chapel, which increased faculty attendance, according to Dr. Bruce Montgomery. Montgomery is also part of the changes taking place around campus. After four years at Milligan and eleven years at a state university, he will be retiring as campus minister, a position that he and Flora had shared.

"I need to back off and not wear so many hats," said Montgomery, who is also the head of

Communications Department, the teacher of numerous Speech and Interpersonal classes, and director of the SAKS inquiry.

"I will still be available for students who want to come and talk to me," Montgomery said.

Sophomore Jason Lee, who is also step-

ping down after two years as the student chapel coordinator, said, "This year we have allowed different styles and preferences throughout the semester...but I would still like to see more involvement from both students and faculty in chapel planning." Dr. Montgomery said that priority should be given to a good sound system, and that a new overhead projector also is needed.

Wes Jamison, a member of the former chapel committee, said a survey should be taken to accurately gauge reactions.

"There are so many students here that are passionate about worship. I also would like to see a class here about Christian worship," he added.

While no one knows the exact format for chapel services next year, Flora has some strong ideas that will solidify into concrete plans over the summer.

"It needs to be a time when we fellowship as a community, not just a high quality entertainment program," Flora said.

My goal for chapel is to make it a time of corporate worship for the whole community here: students, faculty, and staff.

-Nathan Flora

Features

Professor Wainer says farewell to Milligan College

By HANNAH ABSHER
Reporter

Students and faculty are saddened as the year comes to a close and they will have to say goodbye to Dr. Alex Wainer, assistant professor of communications who will not be returning in the fall.

"Dr. Wainer has done so much for this department," said Dr. Bruce Montgomery, chair of the communications area. "We have come of age and begun to move into film studies because of him. He has helped the department mature by expanding it. We don't want to lose him, but we wish the very best of luck."

Though Milligan is sustaining a loss, the move will be positive for Wainer and his family.

"My wife and I are seeking to maximize our earning potential," Wainer said. "Our goals are to work in the same (geo-

graphic) area doing what we both love to do. We must move out of this area to assure our satisfaction."

By moving to a different part of the country, Wainer's wife, Judith, will be able to work as a traveling nurse.

Wainer came to Milligan in the fall of 1996 when he was hired to teach various general courses in communications with emphasis in mass media. He also created courses in his area of expertise, film when he started a world cinema and a film criticism class.

Sentiments around campus are consistent; Wainer will be missed.

"I had a class with Dr. Wainer last year," said Kyle Dincler, a former Wainer

student. "It was very interesting because you knew that Dr. Wainer knew what he was talking

about and was very interested in film studies. That makes a big difference in a professor's performance."

Wainer challenged students in all his classes to analyze how the culture

around them differed from their Christian worldview.

"I like to challenge my students by making them realize that the world sometimes tries to make us conform to it. Mass media is often the current mode... the question that should be asked is, 'Does this conflict with what I am learning in church?' Raising this kind of awareness in a student's mind is very rewarding," Wainer said. "I believe that God has allowed

me to articulate this to people that would hear it."

Wainer wants students to remember they can be a Christian and work in media, including film.

"I would want people to remember me and know that it is possible to edify and point to the truth while in the film industry and studies," he said. "It can be a wonderful thing if God calls you to do this."

While his days at Milligan are coming to a close, Wainer specifically mentioned fellow professors Jim Dahlman, Bruce Montgomery and Carrie Steffey, and said he will greatly miss the relationships he formed at Milligan.

"I have encountered such a remarkable set of relationships. I pray that this is not so unique that I never see this happen again. I would love to be able to have these kinds of relationships with my colleagues wherever I am."

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-Alex Wainer

Milligan grows while student's majors fluctuate

By PHILLIP BROWN
Reporter

It is 1 o'clock on a Sunday afternoon, the managers are quickly preparing their batting order for the big game. Milligan is facing the other educational institutions across the land. The game decides enrollment and whether it will increase or decrease. The batting order is crucial, where do you put your big bats in the lineup?

Education has been designated the clean-up hitter for acquiring the most students into their program. In the fall of 1999, 223 students declared education as their major, but that was actually a decrease from the year before when 259 students called education their major.

Sue Skidmore, registrar said that this decrease is not a trend.

"There is no known reason why the education should decline, so I expect it will increase," she said.

It's a close race for the second and the third positions of numbers of students in a major. Performing, visual and communicative arts has 145 majors, while business barely falls behind with 144 majors. The areas of business and performing, visual and communicative arts claimed a combined 32 percent of the traditional student body.

Communications students numbered 95 in the fall of 1999, while fine arts accounted for 30 of the area's total. Music and music ministry account for the remaining 20 students in the area.

Business administration is the most popular emphasis in the business area with 83 students, followed by accounting and computer information systems, with 28 and

26 respectively.

Science takes its spot as the number four hitter, batting at 98 students last fall, most of them enrolled within the Biology program.

The Bible program, number five, sent 83 young men and women to the plate in the fall semester of 1999. Over 50 percent of Bible majors marked ministry as their emphasis, while no students were involved with the Christian education or family ministry's emphasis.

Social science, humanities, nursing and engineering round out the bottom of the order. Social science maintains a steady batting average, with the total number of students involved in 1999 numbering only slightly more than they did 10 years ago.

Humanities accounts for only 6 percent of the current enrollment, with 34 English majors, 15 humanities majors and three Spanish majors.

Nursing takes a few practice swings as it gets ready to bat. It already hit a homerun earlier this year by earning official recognition as a quality school of nursing, and the nursing program is likely to score more students for Milligan's future than it did with 41 students in 1999.

The nursing program since its inception in 1992, has struggled to maintain consistent numbers or growth. In fact, the program has steadily decreased since 1996. It peaked in 1995 with 130 students declaring nursing as their major, but has diminished since then. However, that number is now expected to increase because of the accreditation.

At the very last spot, engineering fights in a tough spot. Milligan's engineer-

ing program is a cooperative-learning agreement with Northeast Tech. In the fall of 1999, there were no students involved with the engineering program, and in 1998 they only had three engineering students.

Over the past 10 years, Milligan has increased its enrollment from 760 in 1989 to 914 in 1999. During this period, every major offered by Milligan has experienced a fluctuation in the numbers of students it claims. And with the addition of new programs such as the master of education, the master of science-occupational therapy, and the business administration major for adults or BAMA, the variety of students that come to Milligan has increased.

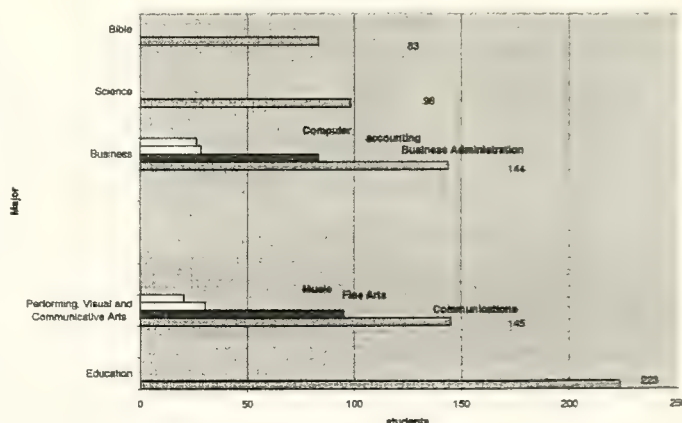
Both Skidmore and Mike Smith, vice-president for enrollment management, are optimistic about the future of Milligan's enrollment.

"We are improving a couple of things for next year. The BAMA program will add three new classes throughout the next fiscal year. The nursing program earned its accreditation this year which should increase the number of students in that program as well," Skidmore stated.

Milligan has goals to increase enrollment, according to Johnson.

"The average number of traditional students in the next couple of years, should be around 750," Johnson said. "Our goals here at Milligan are to get 900 traditional and 300 non-traditional students. But we still have a few years to get there."

Top Five Majors at Milligan



Features

Trips to D.C. result in reflection about Holocaust

By BETHANY HAYNES

Reporter

As Sarah stood at the Holocaust museum in Washington, D.C. staring at thousands of shoes, her stomach churned. There was a smell in the air, which would seem typical for a room full of shoes. But why, why was there a room of shoes? As Sarah looked down, she saw what once was considered a pink ballet slipper. She looked all around and could not find another ballet slipper anywhere. "It made me think the shoes symbolized the many people in the camps, they're lost and can not find their match," said Sarah Timbrook. As I watched her read the quotes on the wall with sorrow in her eyes, I knew this would be a visit that we would never forget.

Sixty years ago this horrible nightmare actually happened. Even though all people know of its occurrence, not all people think of it regularly. It took many Milligan College students by surprise when they visited the U.S. Holocaust Museum with various groups on campus. Milligan had three Washington, D.C. tours planned within three weeks. The first group was the science group. Dr. Nix, professor of Chemistry took several students to D.C. to visit the numerous sites. All of the students in the science group went to see the life-changing U.S. Holocaust Museum. I think it is an experience that would benefit

any human being.

Nix has been to the Holocaust museum several times and he does not understand why human beings could treat other human beings so terribly. He said, "There is no enjoyment involved at the Holocaust museum, but there is definitely a valuable experience to be learned."

At the beginning of the tour at the museum, each person receives a passport. The passport tells a name and a story throughout the floors of the tour. As people pile to the top floor, various photos, messages and displays can be viewed. There are also 15-minute videos that can be watched, which give a brief summary of the Nazi camps. As people finish each level of the museum they look at their passports to read more about themselves.

"It should increase the humanity of any person," Nix said.

Many of the fine arts students took a break from the art museums and visited the Holocaust Museum when they took a trip to D.C. Alice Anthony said, "It is a good experience for everyone."

People, who went were really impressed with the survivor who talked to them. They could have listened to her all day. Erika

Eckstut spoke to both the fine arts group and the Holocaust class who also visited D.C. Eckstut was a Czechoslovakia Jew, and was only in her preteen years during the war. Eckstut was never in a concentration camp; she wandered around Europe avoiding Nazis and troops. Kari Anne Sherwood, a senior said, "The lady who spoke was amazing... her story was so positive."

Through Eckstut's speech she made an analogy from *100 and 1 Dalmatians*. She explained how all of the puppies got lost and the horses, white dogs, black dogs, cats etc. helped them find their way home. She continued to say that that is how Christians should be by helping others, no matter what color, races or sex.

Sue Skidmore led the Holocaust class to D.C. for her third time.

"It pulls things together; confirms to students what they know," she said.

Skidmore explained how the building of the Holocaust Museum is symbolic. While waiting in line at the museum it could symbolize the order of the camps. Many museum guides, who directed the people, used their stern voices, which symbolized how the Nazi treated the Jews. When people enter the museum and look up to the ceiling,

people can see the sky above. There is also metal structure, which prevents the full view of the outside. This represents how the people in the camps could see the outside, but not get the full view of the outside. As people go into the elevator to the upper level floors of the museum the elevators are very dark and people are very close together. This symbolizes the trains that took the people to the camps.

The overall experience is one that everyone should undertake.

"It put things into perspective, we don't have to worry about things like that, thank God," said Russ Hertzog, a senior.

Some of the quotes throughout the museum were very powerful. All throughout the museum the quotes relate to the Holocaust.

Deuteronomy 4:9 says, *Only guard yourself and guard you soul carefully, lest you forget the things your eyes saw, and lest these things depart your heart all the days of your life, and you shall make them known to your children, and to your children's children.*

In spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart. - Anne Frank,

The Diary of a young girl, 1952

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It should increase the humanity of any person.

-James Nix

Athletic trainer calls the shots for injured athletes

By STEPHANIE MITHUM

Managing Editor

Meet the injured athlete's new best friend, Carey Targett, athletic trainer at Milligan.

You can find her this spring running between the tennis courts and ball fields trying to keep up with all the athletes.

According to Targett, athletic trainers are the first person to see the athlete after an injury. They determine if a player needs to see a physician. Targett used the words, "prevent, evaluate, treat and rehab" to describe her job.

"I'm liable for all these kids," Targett said.

Targett, like a physician, holds malpractice insurance because she could be held liable for letting athletes play if they are injured. She is responsible for 12 sports teams.

"There are actually more than 12 because they count soccer as two, but its really four," Targett said.

This is how she spent last Saturday: In the morning, she had to be at Liberty Bell Middle School where the men's tennis team was hosting a Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference. However,

that afternoon, the softball team played, which sent her driving back to Milligan.

Monday, she was needed at a rescheduled baseball game, but could not be there because she had no time

left after working with other teams.

"There isn't enough time for me to do everything and be everywhere," she said.

Targett doesn't get her weekends off.

"I'm looking out for the athlete's best interest," she said. "A win or loss doesn't affect my job."

An injured athlete does however, affect a team's performance. That is part of what makes Targett's job so difficult. She

has to be the one to tell an injured athlete when they can play again (or not).

"It's difficult when an athlete is injured, but we have to accept that [when the athlete can not play],"

said Wes Holly, softball coach. "Carey is well-qualified and she has a close association with Wautauga Orthopedics."

This season, three softball players broke or dislocated bones and Targett broke the news that they

could not play.

Holly said that all coaches want their athletes back in the game, but they have to accept Targett's direction. It is important not to make the injury worse, Holly said.

"Carey does an excellent job," he said. "Her efficiency has been better than we have had in the past. She has her hands full, but she is a very dependable person."

While Targett gets great reviews for

her work, another qualified trainer at Milligan is needed. According to Holly and Targett, she can't be in three to four places at once, as her job often demands.

"We could have more assistant trainers to be at all the events and to travel with the teams," said Holly.

Targett said she was able to travel with the basketball teams this winter because there were no other sports

demanding her attention.

"Most schools bring trainers with them to away games," Holly said.

Meanwhile, Targett makes due with her pager. (It's loud.) She jokingly added that she could use one of those magnetic sirens for her car for days like Saturday.

Targett received her bachelor of science degree from Ohio University in 1997. Currently, she is in her last semester of class work at East Tennessee State University to complete her master of arts degree in sports science.



Sports

Bufs baseball team excited about next season

By PHILLIP BROWN

Reporter

With a disappointing regular-season record and the Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference Tournament looming in the near future, the baseball team is finding it difficult to maintain focus.

The Buffalo coaches have had a rough season this year, but they are still very optimistic about next season and watching their young team elevate their game to compete for the TVAC title.

"We still have a lot to play for," Head Coach Danny Clark said. "We are the fourth seed in the tournament, and will play University of Virginia-Wise on Saturday, and if we finish third overall then we will advance to the regional tournament."

The Buffs had an up and down year, finishing the season with a 17-25 record in the regular season, which included eight of their last nine games being postponed due to rain.

"We played a tough schedule this year. We played Martin Methodist, a top 10 ranked team, and held our own against them," Assistant Coach Ray Smith said.

The Buffs will be losing two key seniors this year, Jeff Cooley and John Rice. Rice and Cooley are the leaders of the team, both statistically and socially.

"We are proud of these individuals. They are both world-class guys and it has been a privilege to have them here," Smith said.

Cooley has led in all offensive categories as well as playing well at second base, while Rice has been the star on the mound.

Clark stated, "Rice and Cooley have done more than their share for this team. We do have some work to do to replace them, but we are excited to have such a



The baseball team spends time practicing each skill to increase improvement. Photo by Jill Jacob

young team with potential."

Clark, in order to free up some money, has decided to cut the junior varsity program for next year. Such expenses as traveling, meals and hotel rooms will decrease with fewer players. However, the JV players will still be able to keep their scholarship money, even though they will not play unless they make varsity.

"The recruiting situation is looking good," Clark said. "I am looking at eight to 10 players, six junior college players and four out of high school. Six of them have already signed to come here."

"We already had a lot of potential this year with a young team, we just lacked consistency, especially on the scoring end. Our pitching was good we just needed to score

more runs," he said.

One particular surprise to Clark was the ability of freshman Dustin Barrett to step up when the Buffaloes needed it. He won five games and had an ERA of 2.60, which was the team's lowest this season.

Despite the team's losing record, both Rice and Cooley said they will miss playing with the team next year.

"I would rather be right here with this group of guys than with any other team," Cooley said.

"I just appreciate all the hard work and dedication of this team. Last year we had a winning record but didn't have any discipline. Coach Clark brought in a work ethic," Rice added.

Rice said with Cooley's agreement,

"This team is gonna do great things next year and we are gonna hate not being apart of it."

Rice and Cooley will both be staying in the area after the season. Cooley has accepted a position at as a worship director North Pointe Community Church, a new church in Johnson City. Rice will be working at the Elizabethton Star this summer and finish his degree.

Smith said, "Even though we are losing those two, the horizon still looks bright for next year."

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The Lady Buffs swing to success during spring season

By **BETHANY HAYNES**
Reporter

As the women's tennis team begins to bring their season to an end, it is very easy to reflect on a terrific year.

"Each match has been an experience or a story to tell," junior Diana Marti said.

The Lady Buffs had an undefeated season and hope to continue their winning streak into the national championship.

Marti played as the no. 1 seed along with Annie Eckstrom during the season.

Eckstrom said their greatest competition during the season was UVA-Wise.

"UVA-Wise had won conference so much that our match with them showed them who was going to win conference," Eckstrom said.

The Lady Buffs beat UVA-Wise 6-3, during that match.

On April 15, the team brought home the Tennessee-Virginia Athletic championship title and this past weekend participated in the regional tournament. In this tournament the Lady Buffs competed against the top two teams in the TVAC and the Kentucky Athletic Conference.

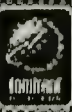
"We went through the TVAC tournament without losing one match," said Marvin Glover, women's tennis coach. "I have been very pleased with their effort."

Glover said his team has unity because of their friendships on and off the court.

"It (success) is a combination of talent with the unselfish personalities," Glover said. "The new-comers have blended in very well."

Depending on the regional championships, the team will attend the NAIA national tournament. This tournament will be held May 22-27, in Lexington at the University of Kentucky.

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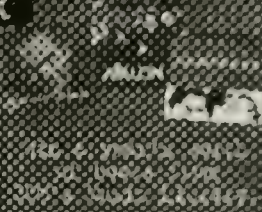


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Editorials

Do women belong in journalism?

By REGINA HOLTMAN

Assistant Editor

"Do you belong in journalism?" The words shouted at me from the binding of a book sitting on a shelf in P.H. Welshimer library. I have asked myself at least a million times if the life of a journalist is the life for me. This book was going to answer all of my questions. I checked it out.

The book admittedly looked a little faded and frayed, the first time someone checked it was 1964. *Do You Belong In Journalism* was published in 1959 and contains a compilation of interviews with 18 editors who "tell you how you can explore career opportunities in newspaper work." The group of professionals answered questions about the advantages and disadvantages of choosing a journalism career, and how to get started in the area etc.

I read a little more attentively when I realized that the final question the editors answered was how their answers might change if the inquirer was female.

Oh, and none of the editors interviewed were women. I notice these things, and not because I am a "femi-Nazi." I only mention this point because I am an editor of the Stampede along with three other women, and I dream of being a "real" editor some day or maybe a columnist. I was ready for some sound advice on how to make dreams real-

ity.

I found no advice that I wanted to take. One editor advised that girls should steer clear of journalism and "go study nursing, modeling, the techniques of singing contralto, the making of spaghetti sauce, and the breast feeding of infants." Well, Milligan offers majors leading to careers in nursing or voice. It's too bad I hate science and can't sing. But not all the answers held such sexist views, a few just warned of the challenges. Mr. Managing Editor of the Milwaukee Journal tells me that "few editors, given a choice of apparent equals or even a slight weighting in the girl's favor, would incline to the girl."

I read on to find out that woman's place was writing for the "women's pages." However a woman should always keep in mind that if she "intends to be married early and become a housewife, she should not waste her own or a newspaper's time." Thanks for the advice, but I don't notice a lot of proposals coming down the pike.

Another noted that there are equal opportunities for women to work in journalism, but "certainly below the executive level." That's good to know because I didn't want to be promoted anyway.

I read the whole book and found myself just a little bit discouraged.

But that was the 50's right? Things are different now because in the Milligan world that I call home, the Stampede staff is all female.

If current statistics stay the same, chances aren't good for any of us to become editors at large newspapers.

According to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, women today head only 13 of the 103 daily newspapers with circulation exceeding 100,000. Only two women are leaders of the 20 largest papers in the United States.

"Women are entering newsrooms with greater ease," wrote Joy Cook, former president of the Journalism and Women Symposium to its 450 members.

She added, "But the glass ceiling is real."

If the ASNE didn't have the answers, I wanted, I hoped that another book, *Women on Deadline*, would help. This book holds a later publishing date of 1991 and features interviews with nine prize-winning women reporters.

I wanted some encouragement, and a few of those interviewed did say they faced no obstacles in their journeys as women journalists. Most however, said what I didn't want to read.

"If we have gotten somewhere in a male-dominated world, we have done it because we were willing to work harder." Those are the words of Lucy Morgan, who won a

Pulitzer prize in 1985 for her investigative reporting.

"There's no doubt about it. For women to have an equal chance with men, we also have to have more credentials. That's what Molly Ivins said, and she in 1967 was the first woman to be assigned a police beat by the Minneapolis Tribune.

Maybe the situation is getting better because the ASNE's female membership is making steady gains. In 1998 female membership stood at 17 percent, with 149 women among 858 members. Ten years ago only 8 percent were women.

I'm glad that a book from the '50's made me take a second glance at what I took for granted. I thought that my gender didn't matter in career choice because I grew up being told I could do anything. As a woman I would hate to forget that career did not come easily for those who sat in my position 40 years ago.

To give a little credit, those editors from the '50s did answer some of my questions about whether or not journalism is right for me. It's for those who love excitement, who like to read, who love talking to people, for the compassionate who value truth telling and it's for those who seek to be an integral part of the democratic process. It's also for those who don't mind being underpaid and overworked, but if you love it, those things don't matter. Do you belong in journalism, Gina Holtman? I think the answer is yes.

Stampede survey

I would like to thank everyone who participated in The Stampede survey. I would also like to congratulate those who won prizes from various businesses in Johnson City.

Looking through the surveys I noticed areas you suggested that need improvements like keeping the stories interesting, up to date and not repetitive from announcements already made. Sometimes our staff has a limited perspective about what goes on at Milligan or even in the Johnson City/

Elizabethton community. We would love to hear your input if you have possible story ideas that we could use.

Another section of the survey talked about format. Now most people that participated have taken note of the new format and seem to appreciate it. Yet, there were a few that questioned having a new format at all. Well, our format has changed quite drastically from last year. During last school year the Stampede was printed on a one-page newsletter that could include approximately

three to four stories an issue. As a new staff came in changes for the print edition were made. Our staff then went to a four page format on printer paper and just this semester have gone to a news-print style that can include up to eight stories, depending on size. This new format actually looks like a newspaper and even turns your fingers gray and black after you have read it cover to cover.

Finally, the Stampede online was discussed in the survey. This online edition of

the paper repeats most stories in the print edition with a couple of exceptions. How can we improve this online edition? Any ideas? This our next project as we continue to grow and expand.

Again, I want to thank you for participating in the survey and hope we can continue to serve you better as a voice of the campus.

-Krishana Kraft

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From the Diary of Stephanie Mitchum

By STEPHANIE MITCHUM

Managing Editor

April 27, 2000

Number of Frappuccino's-3 (not bad), number of people offended in last editorial-whole senior class (very good), number of hours have slept in two days-4 (hmmm), number of pounds gained this week-15 (finally gained freshman-15 last week of senior year...why? why?), boyfriends-0 (very good as have no time), jobs-1 (start May 15! Hurrah), number of parking tickets left to pay before I graduate-uhhhh, Dad, want to help me on this one?

This is it. The last week of classes is ending. I graduate in 10 days. I start my new job in 17 days. Could someone tell me what happened to this semester and why I'm writing my last (sniff) column ever in The Stampede?

I wish I could open the juicy details of my life to all of you but (even though I'm really

tempted), let's not go there. I'm not dating steamy boy anymore. I suppose its no secret that somewhere out there, he exists.

Cooper, I still hold my ground that Milligan guys do not ask girls out enough. And when they do (I'll add this because I can), it's lame.

Seniors, I think your points in letters to the editor were well intentioned, but I still think many of us need a good kick in the butt. It's time to stop making excuses for ourselves. (nah nah nah, I got the last word!) However, I like to think some part of me is working for the kingdom of God. I've been blessed with gifts abundant and now a wonderful opportunity to use them. The Rocky Mount Telegram in North Carolina offered me a job as the features writer. (think they will like Samantha Paxson?) I am scared silly. Thank you to those of you who wrote letters to me. We all need challenges and I felt your

challenges had some good points. I wish you all the best of luck. Especially my 22 peers who plan to attend graduate school in the fall. Congratulations everyone!

Super Divas thank you for your support through all the good times (and the bad). I love you girls. You are all strong women. Some day down the road, we'll all get together and giggle about Saturday nights, weekend road trips, sleeping at my apartment, the ants that wouldn't go away, calling uh—old friends, and reaching out to my neighbors. We are so young now!

Stampede staff, it has been quite a year. Do you think anything else could have been "assessed", "dealt with", "created controversy" or "faced allegations"? Krishana, you are my inspiration. Natalie, you are my relief. Gina, I believe in your dreams. Sean, you missed out. Thank you Mr. D. for putting up with me. Thank you everyone for trusting

me with Samantha and for letting me explore stories that interested me, but challenging me to write ones that did not.

Next Sunday, when I cross that stage many things will be going through my mind. Does this hat look stupid? Do I have something hanging out of my nose? Will my parents take me out to dinner after this? Will my waterproof mascara hold out? Should I hang this in my living room or in my office? Which way do you turn the tassel? But most important, how in the world do I leave a place I have both loved and hated with such passion? How will I say good-bye to these friends and professors that have influenced and inspired me? What will I do everyday when I wake up and don't have school to go to?

The day is almost over. I am proud of my accomplishments but I wish in some ways, I had done things differently. Oh well, there is always tomorrow. Tomorrow is a new day.

Letter to the Editor...

Respect

I am writing this letter, article to express some concerns, feelings, beliefs that are shared on this campus. I am not an authority, nor do I know everything if anything at all really. I could possibly be wrong about something. If so, please let me know. These years at Milligan have taught me so much it is unbelievable. However, the "hot topic" that I feel I have gained an incredible amount of learning on would be Worship. "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship." Romans 12:1 says what worship is. However, where do we go from there? Don't ask me, I don't really know. Nevertheless, I do know that the God of the universe is due the most high praise we can possibly give.

We are results of a culture that worships music. We feel music, live for it, dream about it. We are passionate about music. We crank up the sound because we want to hear it better. We add in guitar licks to make our music sound better. We change the words to fit a rhythm written by some musician we have never heard of. We change the style of songs to fit what we like only to ruin what the original composer dreamed of expressing. This creeps into our worship little by little. We leave vespers more deaf than when we came in. We just stand there during singing because we cannot even hear ourselves sing. We are excited when we get to sing a popular song that causes us to raise our hands up and sing "passionately" to the Lord. We clap for the very talented musicians and forget that we should never stop clapping for the very talented creator that gave our friends that talent to lead the singing portion of worship.

We are people that give only when it is easy to give. We give our praises and singing to God because it is so important that he receives our worship to him. However, do we ever let God speak to us? Do we ever listen to

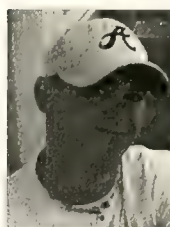
his holy word being read aloud for us to hear and have our hearts be touched by the word of the Lord? Do we have any respect of the gospel reading that for centuries the tradition is to stand out of reverence for the very word of the Lord that saves us? We stand during our singing time to God and sit when he tries to speak to us because we think the former is more important. We leave before the speaker speaks or sit and study until he finishes. When someone is delivering the word of God to us, do we ever call it or treat it as worship? Do we ever have respect for the one speaking to us? And by that I mean the God of the universe speaking to us through a man or woman up on the podium.

Our worship to God is all about I. We sing songs with the word I dominating the song. We sing lines that say, "you do all things well, just look at our lives". Whoever wrote that song has never seen what I do in my life, because I am the chief of sinners. We must think about what we are singing in a meditative manner before we are able to deliver our praises to the King of Kings. Because, if we do not, our praise can become meaningless.

God gave us reason for us to use it. Some of us use it more than others. (I am one of the others). However, if anything I have learned at this school is to question why we do things. That is what I did about the subject of worship. I may seem like a cynic or a pagan, but through my learning, I have been able to understand a little bit of what worship should be to my Lord and Savior. I have learned that God deserves the utmost respect in all of our worship. And if that means I stand when everyone else sits or sit and listen to a speaker when he or she is boring, then I pray that I do, so I can give the Lord of everything my awe and all my worship and not just sing about it.

-Deven Hazelwood

What did you think about Chapel?



Erik Eckman

"I think it is a shame that the only time we see all the faculty together in chapel is two times a year. It looks like it isn't important to the faculty, then why should it be important to the students."



Katie Lloyd

"I like that there is a variety of worship, so it is not the same thing every Wednesday."



Adam Samaritoni

"I like the worship time when the campus bands play. I didn't like the responsive readings. It doesn't seem like anyone has any feeling in it."



Heather Eckman

"I like chapel, but I dislike that once the speaker gets up to speak everyone either falls asleep or does their homework. I think that is disrespectful."



Leigh Doty

"If the chapel music was any slower it would be dead and grow daisys."

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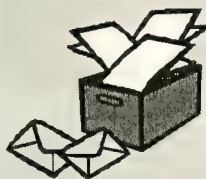
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New chapel rules raise questions

By Chad Booth
Reporter

Regardless of how many years go by, the start of a new school year always ushers in sweeping changes. This year, Milligan students were met with new classes, new professors, new rooms, and of course, new rules.

At the first convocation of the fresh academic year, President Jeanes informed returning classes and entering freshmen of the recent rule amendments regarding chapel and convocation services. Talking, studying, sleeping or any other activity deemed rude, will no longer be tolerated during the services.

This new rule has the Milligan community wondering how convocation and chapel will be conducted throughout the remainder of the semester.

"Typically, last year I sat in the back and became somewhat frustrated with a few students who talked, studied, slept, [and were] disrespectful to people who were participating in the program," Jeanes said.

Jeanes said he felt like something needed to be done about the disrespect he

saw last year in chapel. He added that the "crowning blow" came last semester when a choir from the Mountain Mission School in Grundy, Va. performed in convo. Although Jeanes was absent that day, it was reported to him that the conduct of the students was so bad that the director of the choir made a comment. Jeanes said he apologized to the director and told him students should have more respect for people who are presenting programs.

Despite his unhappiness with last year's chapel and convo services, Jeanes is very encouraged with the response to the recent change in policy.

"I was very pleased with the conduct of the students," Jeanes said. "I think they responded exceptionally well."

The service proceeded without incident, and no students were requested to remove themselves.

Although the administration appears to be pleased with the first chapel, some students were not. More than a dozen students wonder what event prompted the change in chapel rules.

Senior Trent Davis said he thought having chapel monitors changed the

whole attitude of chapel for the worse.

"It seemed really uptight," he said after the service on Thursday.

Davis said he felt as if there were five Secret Service men watching the students in the back.

"It gave you the feeling of 'Big Brother is watching you' and it made you think they were just looking to pull someone out," he said.

Although some students disapprove of the changes in chapel and convo, others have a different view.

"It bothers me more that we need the monitors in the back," senior Jason Evans said.

Evans added that he thought the new rules were well thought out.

"I think a lot of reflection has gone into [them] and [they] are becoming a good tool in our education," vans said.

Chapel is currently undergoing an overhaul under the direction of Campus Minister Nathan Flora.

"Our goal is to make worship intentional, well thought out and to cultivate as much as we can the best type of worship presence we can at Milligan," Flora said.



President Don Jeanes outlined his new rules in the first convocation of the year

Jeanes expressed his confidence in Flora's ability to organize chapel services.

"Nathan will continue working with the committee all year long to provide quality chapel programs," Jeanes said. "We want to be sure that we plan them ...that they are done with quality."

Flora and faculty committee overhaul chapel program

By Melanie Lorenz
Reporter

Worship leaders must direct a three-week process of Bible study, group-planning meetings, musical rehearsals and sound checks before they take the stage for Thursday chapel services, according to the new "Chapel Planning Manual."

Worship should "not be planned or conducted haphazardly," according to the manual, which is the result of over 20 hours of meetings this summer by a committee consisting of faculty, administration, students and Campus Minister Nathan Flora. Instead, chapel should be intentional and thoughtful, according to Flora.

"The people planning the chapel service will be very well prepared and the result will be a very meaningful service," said Ted Thomas, a professor and member of the planning committee.

Becky Ruby said she appreciated the Bible study. Ruby is a member of the band Seventh from Adam, which played three songs for chapel August 31. However, she was frustrated with the required Wednesday night practice that

lasted four hours, partly due to equipment problems.

"I do agree with the Bible study," Ruby said. "I think a major priority is making sure musicians are where they need to be spiritually before they lead the school. The Bible study is a good start." But she added that from what she has seen so far, it may be unnecessary to have everyone meet Wednesday nights.

The committee also defined worship, outlined worship goals, and listed instructions for musicals worship teams in the manual, which defines that the primary purpose of chapel is "to provide the campus community an opportunity for corporate worship."

Professor Jeff Miller, who will preach and lead worship September 28, expects that the extra effort will be well worth it.

"The new emphases in chapel will help insure that it is a truly God-centered event," he said.

The new guidelines recognize that

chapel encompasses all of the campus — students, faculty, and staff, according to Mr. Miller.

"Our hope is that this plan provides a way to incorporate more members from all cross-sections of the community," Flora said, who emphasized that the role of Milligan's chapel is different from that of Sunday night Vespers.

"Vespers is for and by the students, and it has its own purpose and goals. Chapel is for the whole community, by the whole community...we need to allow them to be different," Flora said.

Student opinion about chapel this year was mixed. Sophomore Christina Medlin liked the first chapel service, but felt that "it was pushed for time, because they were trying to get everything [planned] down to the last second."

Others liked the organization.

"I think we needed it to renew our worship time because worshipping God is the center of our school. If we can't wor-

ship God properly, where is our foundation?" said Beth Ross, who read scripture as part of the chapel worship team.

Students interested in helping with chapel service were given the opportunity to sign up on Rush Day. Flora also is interested in getting students creatively involved with chapel. Last year, alumnus Michelle Warren made the clay cups and plates used in the August 28 chapel service. This year, Flora would like to involve art students in making worship banners to hang in the chapel and he also plans on initiating a songwriting contest.

In response to recent dialogues about worship on the campus, students may have the opportunity to learn next semester in a class completely about Christian worship. The summer chapel committee meetings led to discussion among the Bible faculty about the possibility of a class on worship, according to Flora.

"We've talked about it and we like the idea. Its something that we'd like to do, but the question is if we can realistically do it this spring. "At this point its still at the stage of an idea," according to Chris Heard, a Bible faculty and summer chapel committee member.

*"By grace we gather, we hear,
we are heard, we respond, we
transform...all to the glory of
God."*

—Milligan College chapel committee

NEWS

Teacher education program to have new home

By Wes Jamison
Managing Editor of Online

Beep. Beep. Beep—a common sound these days around the Faculty Office Building at Milligan College, as construction crews begin work on the Dr. Paul Clark Education Center.

"The main purpose of the center will be to increase space for the teacher education program," said Phil Roberson, associate professor of early childhood education.

The new 3,000 square foot facility will be an addition to the Faculty Office Building, which will also receive a renovation.

The building was named in honor of the late Dr. Paul Clark, former professor of education at Milligan. Clark served the college in several capacities including dean of students, academic dean and for over 30 years as director of the teacher education program. Clark died in February of this year, after a lengthy struggle with cancer.

"Most of the funding for the project

has come through the generosity of his friends," said Roberson, concerning the naming of the facility.

According to Mark Matson, academic dean, the center will feature an expanded curriculum center, a multimedia classroom, additional space for faculty offices and some additional parking spaces near the FOB.

Matson does not believe that the additional space will alleviate the strain on campus facilities.

"It's only one building, so realistically it's not going to make that much of a difference," Matson said.

Roberson agrees.

"It's still going to be small. The classrooms are not as large as we would have hoped, but we're happy to have them," Roberson said.

The laboratory, which will feature Apple Macintosh computers, will be primarily for the use of students in the teacher education program according to

President Jeanes.

"The Mac lab will help to give the teacher education students practice in a school setting," he said.

Other students on campus, however, will have limited access to the Mac Lab, according to Roberson.

If all goes well, construction on the project should be completed by January, according to Jeanes.

If the facility is completed on schedule, it will open sometime early in the spring semester.

"We are currently in the site preparation stage," Jeanes said. "We have a bid from a contractor. Right now we are meeting with the contractor, the architects, and an independent contractor who works with the school to go over each item."



Longtime education professor Paul Clark.

File photo difference," Matson said.



Work crews prep the area surrounding FOB in preparation of new education center.

Photo by Robin Hamilton

Ray accepts offer to become new director of student life

By Christan McKay
Reporter

On October 8, Julie Ray will return to Milligan College, not just as an alumnus, but also as the director of student life.

Ray's hiring was announced this summer after the resignation of Elisa Dunman, director of campus life and career advancement. Dunman left Milligan to take a position as director of student activities at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn.

"We were looking for someone who had experience with college campuses; preferably [someone] that knew something about Milligan," said Mark Fox, vice president for student development. "She [Ray] certainly did that. She stood out in her interviews, her personality and her actual work experience."

Ray is a 1986 graduate of Milligan. She holds a bachelor of arts from Milligan, and a master of arts in missions and intercultural studies from Wheaton College. Before accepting the position at Milligan, Ray was serving on the mission field in Southeast Asia as an English teacher.

"I'm hoping she will build on what we have started and expand into some other areas such as service learning," Fox said.

Fox also said that he hopes Ray will nurture some ideas that are already developing in the area of spiritual life.

Until Ray arrives, Fox and other members of the Milligan community have had to take on some of the extra

workload.

"Fortunately we've had a couple of student volunteers step in and pick up a lot of the slack, as well as staff who've taken on more work in a few areas," Fox said.

John Paul Abner, assistant professor of occupational therapy and psychology, aided by taking over Dunman's former position of director of career development. Abner took over the position to allow Ray to focus her attention more on

the campus life aspect of the job.

"Since I'm a licensed psychologist, I have access to evaluation tools that Elisa could not use," said Abner. "Thus we will be offering more extensive evaluation and counseling services."

Students are also working to fill voids left by Dunman's departure. Gina Wells, president of social affairs, has been working several hours a week on student life and dorm life, including the organization of such events as Rush Day.

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FEATURES

Milligan welcomes international players to field

By Holly O'Keefe

Reporter

The Milligan men's varsity soccer team kicks into action this season with the arrival of six new international players.

"They've helped us out tremendously," said Team Captain Derek Sharpe. "They've made our speed of play a lot faster and they've brought many different styles of play together."

Sharpe said the biggest problem the team is facing now is communication.

"Right now we are trying to figure out... a system to find common ground because it is hard to understand them out on the field when you have guys talking in Portuguese, Irish, Swahili, and American," Sharpe said.

The six foreign-tongued players include: Ramirez Uliena, from Sertanobolis, Brazil, is a sweeper who transferred from Concordia University after being recruited by his friend Dalan Telles, who also came to Milligan from Brazil, last year.

Leonardo Cruz, from Porto Alegre, Brazil, is an outside right back. He also attended Concordia last year, where he said he raised his grade point average so

that he could come to Milligan.

Cruz said he has recently set goals to reach new levels in his college soccer career.

Daniel Gacheru is a forward striker from Nairobi, Kenya. He became interested in Milligan after being contacted by

who are both midfielders, also played for The Union and were recruited through Gachura.

"The people and the coaches make a great team," Odhiambo said. "Milligan seems to have the best coaches in college ball. Coach Garvilla offers a lot of

excited about getting an American education.

"I think everybody is a student at first and then an athlete; I'm here to finish school and then also to play soccer," Gacheru said.

James Walsh, from Galway, Ireland, is a striker who was recruited by his friend Patrick Sweeney. Sweeney came to Milligan from Northern Ireland last year and has had the opportunity along with Telles and other veteran players to see great changes in the soccer program.

Coach Hans Hobson observes that new styles of play are coming together between the American and international players, a process which is improving the speed of the game and giving the team more confidence.

"The Brazilians, for example, have a more flamboyant and technical approach, while the Irish are more physical and direct," Hobson explained.

Gacheru added, "Many people at Milligan College don't take soccer as their favorite game. The basketball team here fills the gym with players, but we have maybe 30 or 40 people come to a game. Maybe this year we can create a more positive image of soccer than Milligan has had before."



International members of the Milligan soccer team pose for a group picture in Webb Hall.

Photo by Bethany Hefty

Donald Onyango, a senior at Milligan last year who knew Gachura through The Union, a club team in Kenya.

John Odhiambo and Brian Okumu,

fatherly advice and helps us a lot to keep on track."

The three Kenyans, Gacheru, Odhiambo and Okumu said they are

Local churches kick off new college ministry programs

By Misty Fry

Student Life Editor

Students at Milligan are torn between having *Friday Night Bites*, doing *That Sunday Night Thing*, staying in the *Here and Now* or diving into *The Well*. Many local churches are offering ministry programs designed for college students.

Throughout the coming year, students will have the opportunity to get involved in many ways, in many different atmospheres. Everything from contemporary praise and worship to small group bible studies will be offered. Opportunities to serve others, whether it is in leadership positions or as member of a missions group, are also available.

This year, First Christian Church of Johnson City is heading into the new semester with a new praise and worship time called *That Sunday Night Thing*. Catered especially to college age adults, the night will feature a contemporary worship service and a message that applies to major issues that students are facing.

"The goal of *That Sunday Night Thing* is to actively seek the lost for evangelism by creating a meaningful and

contemporary worship style," said Ron Blackmore, who leads the college-age class along with his wife LeAnne.

The Blackmore's have a simple goal for the year: They want students to get to know the word of God better, in order to give them a framework for living.

"If we could teach the students one thing throughout the whole year it would be that Jesus is real, relevant, and you can know him," Blackmore said.

Grandview Christian Church is also starting their activities for the year with *Friday Night Bites*. On Fridays, students can get together to play games, eat lots of food, get to know each other and have a worship time and message.

"We want to provide a time when college students can learn how to get involved in a church," said Ethan Magness, the coordinator of the Sunday school class and *Friday Night Bites*. "We want them to learn how to serve and to lead a diverse church."

Magness and his wife Betsy realize how hard it is to find a church home during college. The Magness' want students to become full members, to start serving and not just be a regular member of the church.

"We want to make a bridge from the student's being ministered to to being

ministers themselves," Betsy Magness said.

In an effort to prepare students to be leaders to their peers, Grace Fellowship will be offering evangelism training for all college students in October. It will be lead by the director of Campus Crusade for Christ. Grace Fellowship also has a ladies bible study, numerous service projects and leadership opportunities. They do group activities like going to Wal-Mart or Sears and having car washes for free, saying it is free just like the gift of salvation is free.

"We want to build up our believers, to encourage them to grow in their spiritual walk and to encourage other people," said Heather Friday, the college coordinator.

According to Friday, Grace Fellowship's focus is to get college students to "trust in the Lord" to do what he convicts them to do.

Cornerstone Church is offering an activity called *Here and Now*. Taking place on Thursday through Saturday nights, *Here and Now* gives students a chance to hear concerts, swing dance, drink coffee at the coffee bar, eat at the deli, play pool or pingpong or just hang out.

Started by Pastor Ann Burns as a

Bible study, she wanted a place where everyone would feel welcome.

"Our goal is to teach college students that they don't have to go through the world alone, that [God] is there to help them," leader Beverly Austin said.

University Baptist Church also has a special praise and worship time on Wednesday nights called *The Well*. Close to 300 area students are now in attendance. *The Well* has a bible study and a contemporary praise band. The church also features retreats for men and women as well as monthly missions, such as feeding the homeless or raking leaves.

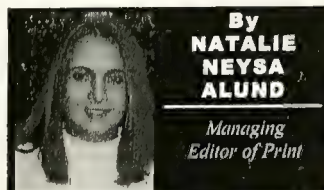
"Our purpose is that God be glorified through our lives, leading the lost to Christ so others can grow spiritually. We also want students to have a home away from home," said Debbie McNeill, one of the people who leads the college group.

According to McNeill, University Baptist just wants students to learn that they can depend on Jesus for everything in their lives.

"Our goal is to identify and claim our position in Jesus Christ. When we realize who we are, everything else will be taken care of. There is nothing He cannot do."

VIEWS

Been there...Done that...



When I came to Milligan my freshman year I opened a new checking account. My mother put money into my account when I needed it so I could spend it. She figured it would be a good idea to keep me financially secure. That was a mistake. Hence begins my story.

Here students are given credit card brochures at registration. Milligan is not alone in handing out credit card applications. Last year at ETSU, First Tennessee Bank tried to coax thousands of students into signing up for credit cards by giving out M&M's with their applications.

Four years ago, one of my close friends, who attended ETSU her freshman year, was suckered into signing up for a student credit card. If only she could have stopped spending, then she could have avoided the tragedy that awaited her. I thought addictions were mainly with sex, drugs and alcohol. I was wrong. The girl could spend money like no one else. By the end of first semester, my friend had a student Visa, MasterCard, Discover, along with cards to Sears, Victoria's Secret, Express and Bath and Body Works. By the end of freshman year, my friend had to seek out credit consolidation. She is still paying off her debts and cannot have her phone turned on nor open a checking account.

According to Christina Harrison, a counselor for Consumer Credit Service of Johnson City, the average credit line for a college student who has no credit history is around \$2,000. If a student maxes it out and pays only the minimum monthly payment and has the average 21 percent interest rate, it would take a student 35 years to pay off the card. That is assuming payments are never late and the student never goes over the credit limit.

Some credit card companies tell students their starting percentage rate is as low as 9 or 10 percent when they sign up. Little do these virgin card holders know that the rate is not fixed and after the first late payment the interest rate can shoot up to a whopping 29 percent.

The U.S. Public Interest Research Group surveyed 1,260 college students and found that 38 percent of those students pay off the full balance each

month. Thirty-six percent pay "as much as they can" and the remaining quarter pay either the minimum or pay late.

On the average credit card, payments due past 30 days are the ones that can haunt you for several years, said Chris Fortener, financial services specialist of AmSouth Bank in Johnson City.

"If you declare bankruptcy, your credit can be bad for somewhere in the ballpark of 7 to 10 years," Fortener said.

I'm not saying obtaining a credit card is bad. If you can pay your monthly payments, more power to you. Having a credit card in

times of emergency is a plus. What if your car breaks down and Mr. Bee says it's \$500 to put in a new radiator and alternator and battery? What if you have to crash at a Holiday Inn at 3 a.m. because you can't keep your eyes open after trying to pull an allnighter driving home? What if you suddenly have to buy a plane ticket to Vegas because the Backstreet Boys will be live in concert and it's the last time they will perform ever? And the most popular use for a credit card: What if the hottie that you've been checking out glances your way? You know you have to impress the babe by asking him or her to dinner now--no matter you are flat broke. And of course, it's nothing but the Peerless. Come on, you can't impress a girl by taking her to the drive-through of Taco Bell, right? Nevertheless, although these things might seem important at a given time, students should learn to say no at some point.

Back to my story. My real tragedy occurred my freshman year when I had a real field day (more like field semester) with my new checking account.

When I opened the account I thought, "No problem, I can do this." I figured I'd wait until a little later in college to get a credit card. I assumed my parents had a money tree and were putting hundreds of dollars into my checking account weekly. Hence began my spending craze: a new CD, a nice new pair of Gap jeans, late-night humanities cramming at Perkins (which meant a cup of coffee and a blueberry muffin at least), and heaven forbid we forget the social activity. I attended every Thursday night for a semester. After all, it was ladies night and the cover charge was a mere

\$2. Boy, was I wrong. It ends up, I bounced \$2,000 worth of checks my first semester and had to change banks. Believe me, it was no walk in the park, and my parents were ticked.

According to Fortener, if you bounce a few checks and decide not to pay the overdrafts, then you have the option to close your account, but the buck doesn't stop there. The bank might pay your balance, but it will also report your misfortune to all other banks.

Banks have a joint check system composed of a bureau that they use to investigate customers before they can open up an account. Check systems notify all banks, and other banks won't allow you to

open up checking accounts.

"If there is a record on the check system, at least with AmSouth, the bank is not allowed to open up an account for the client," Fortener said.

By the grace of God somehow I managed to open a checking account at another bank. Nonetheless, I learned my lesson and can honestly say that I have not bounced a check since.

Harrison wants students to become aware of the consequences of minimum credit card payments. Her advice to those who choose to have a credit card is not to have more than two credit cards and to pay the monthly payments on time.

So take it from someone who has been there and done that—watch your money or you life could get really frustrating. Be it credit or checking, if you don't have it, don't spend it.



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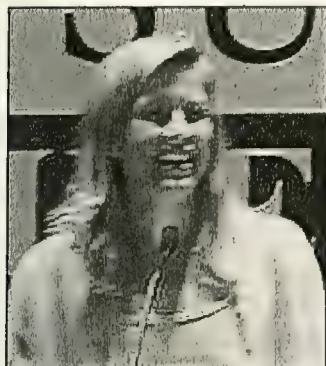
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Gore's daughter visits Johnson City



Karenn Gore Schiff spoke to a crowd of about 300 people.

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By Regina Holtman
Editor-in-Chief

Karenn Gore Schiff made a brief stop in Johnson City Friday as part of her crusade to raise support among college students for her father, Vice President Al Gore.

"She gives Gore a more human side," said Amanda Leach, a recent college graduate who attended the rally at the Millennium Centre, located across from ETSU.

Schiff, 27, is the oldest daughter of

the Democratic Presidential candidate and has become the face of the Gore campaign for Generation X. She said she is trying to turn around the growing cynicism of younger generations toward the political process.

"It's true that a lot of young people are detached from politics," Schiff said. "Even those young people that volunteer a lot and are very idealistic often distrust the political process. It's definitely a challenge to get them to believe in a candidacy and a campaign."

It was a challenge to get ETSU students to come to the rally, according to Bryan Hartman, an ETSU student and delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

"I think because [her visit] is during the day, and with people having classes, we won't have as many here as we would have," he said.

Schiff talked about the issues that her father is campaigning for, such as fiscal responsibility, reform in healthcare and the strengthening of the education system.

Daniel Wyatt, a single father and senior at ETSU, said he was glad to hear her talk about the policies that Gore would make priorities in his administration.

"I don't want a recession to hit," Wyatt said. He added that HMO reform is important to him because of his son.

Schiff said that Gore's faith influences the way that he makes decisions.

"Because he is a religious man, it is part of his value system and so it is a part of how he makes decisions," she said. "But he does believe strongly in the separation of church and state, and so he wants to make sure that while he has his freedom of religion, to make his decisions through that value system. Everybody else has their freedom

through their value systems to do it as well."

According to Schiff, Gore learned his values from his years growing up on a farm in Carthage, Tennessee, and later representing the people of Tennessee in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

"Tennessee is my dad's home state and it's where he learned his Tennessee values and his vision," she said. "It is so important to him that he wins Tennessee -- he's not taking a single vote for granted."



ETSU democrats took time out of their schedules on Friday to listen to Schiff's speech. They brought signs to welcome the Vice President's daughter.

Photo by Wes Jamison

More than forty attend campus ministry retreat

By Melanie Lorenz
Reporter

After attending a campus ministries-sponsored retreat last weekend, forty-one Milligan students are now better equipped to be involved in small group Bible studies.

"The retreat was excellent, it really exceeded my expectations with the quality of the students and the real excitement the students have about small group leadership," said John Paul Abner, director of academic advising. He led the small group retreat held at Buffalo Mountain Retreat Center.

The campus ministry team, lead by junior Andrew Parker, senior Kim Becker and Campus Minister Nathan Flora, organized the retreat as part of a plan to implement Bible studies in every dorm on campus. The campus ministry team has chosen small group develop-

"Dorm Bible studies will help encourage students to be there for each other as Christian brothers and sisters."

--Kim Becker

ment as one of their major goals for the year.

"Dorm Bible studies will help encourage students to be there for each other as Christian brothers and sisters," Becker said. "You can live with someone all year and never know how their spiritual life is."

Sixteen of the people who attended the retreat have already committed to be small group leaders. All who attended learned not only how to be leaders, but also how to be good participants in a small group.

"It was a refreshing time for all of

us," junior Jeremy Mashburn said. "The teaching was very informative and I learned a lot through the practical application of the principals of the small groups."

In addition to sponsoring the small group retreat, the campus ministry team will also help leaders find topics and get supplies.

Parker added that the campus ministry team will keep group leaders informed about service project opportunities for their groups.

Parker and Becker both said they have seen the need for more Bible studies since they started attending Milligan. They added that they are patterning their idea of organized dorm Bible studies after what they witnessed at a leadership conference at Taylor University in Indiana last spring.

"We are a resource to students who lead Bible studies...in the past, leaders

and students became overwhelmed and Bible studies dwindled off," Becker said.

She also said the campus ministry team plans to sponsor more activities such as a 24-hour prayer vigils and a possible mission trip.

--If you would like to get involved in a small group Bible study, contact Andrew Parker (8041) or Kim Becker (8434).

--During the chapel services each week, prayers are offered up for the needs of the Milligan community. If you have a prayer concern, please contact Nathan Flora.

NEWS

Milligan ranks among top liberal arts colleges

By Nathaniel Poling
Reporter

Milligan College ranked 19th among southern liberal arts colleges, according to U.S. News & World Report's recently released edition of "America's Best Colleges".

"School ranking is important in strengthening credibility regarding prospective students, churches, alumni and the community; it reflects the overall quality of the institution," said Mike Johnson, vice president of enrollment management.

U.S. News & World Report ranks colleges as objectively as possible according to a standard of academic

excellence. Schools are grouped according to region and mission. Academic data is then collected and weighted.

The indicators of a superior academic institution that U.S. News & World Report looks for include: academic reputation, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate and alumni giving rate. Finally, all colleges in each category are ranked against their peers based on their aggregate weighted score.

There are many different factors when it comes to selecting a college or university. College rankings are important, yet according to Anne Rogers, a guidance counselor at Science Hill High School, other factors are just as impor-

tant.

"They are just one part of the picture when it comes to selecting a school," she said.

According to Rogers, instead of solely basing a college decision on rankings, a prospective student is encouraged to consider several schools and to make college visits. They should start the college search early and discuss issues with parents. A student's college selection should be based on personal strengths and weaknesses.

Rankings are not Milligan's primary focus. Some colleges and universities specifically hire Public Relations firms to strengthen their reputation.

According to Johnson the school is

"trying to operate as a quality institution and do things well."

He added that the main objective of the school is not to concentrate on rankings, but rather to serve and benefit the student body.

"If the administration does a good job, then the rankings will improve accordingly," Johnson said.

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FEATURES

Bookstore carries popular and controversial Left Behind books

By Stephanie Randall
Reporter

The popularity of the Left Behind series can not be denied.

Ben Paden, a communications major at Milligan who has been following the *Left Behind* series said, "I thought the books were good. I enjoyed the descriptions of what life will be like after the second coming."

Kevin Bobrow, a Bible major and Vice President of the Student Government Association said, "I've read all of the books. I think that as

novels they're great, fun to read, and I enjoyed them all."

Why were these books so popular? According to editorial writer Tim Appelo of Amazon.com, "The *Left Behind* series is the absolute champion in the race to make the Book of Revelation into racy thriller reading."

Milligan's bookstore started carrying the series last semester amid some controversy. Jonathan Robinson, manager of the bookstore said, "We carry the *Left Behind* series because it was highly requested by students. The students like it because we can sell them at a discounted price. We're not trying to support or protest anything that is in the series. We don't carry very many fictional books, but we wanted to try this series because of their popularity."

They might be popular, but the series' biblical content may have left something to be desired. Dr. Chris Heard, a professor at Milligan College, said that even though he hadn't read any of them, he felt that in general, their readers took books in the apocalyptic genre out of context.

"Often the biblical basis is pretty shaky; as in the concept of a future Antichrist with a capital 'A,' is weak in its foundation. (For example, Nicolae Carpathia, the Antichrist in the 'Left Behind' series)," Heard said. "They despiritualize the concept of spiritual warfare. When the New Testament talks about spiritual warfare, it's referring to ideas, not entities; which is true for all of these kinds of series."

Dr. R. David Roberts, professor of Bible also has concerns.

"Revelation is apocalyptic writing; you have to read it in context; you wouldn't read a grocery list like a love letter; you don't read Revelation like just any text," he said. "I don't agree on the theology of it. I didn't agree with the things LaHaye wrote in the 70's and I don't now."

LaHaye's writing should be understood as fiction, according to Bobrow.

"They're fiction books, I didn't take a lot of the parts in the books seriously because some of it is outlandish," he said.

But Heard worries that the books are taken as theology lessons.

"Sometimes they are taken so seriously that people believe the books; people expect something similar to happen as in the books. People begin to think that they should expect an actual confrontational and warfare type of reality," he said. All in all,

Heard felt that, "To some extent [the *Left Behind* series] is fun to read, but there are problems with the expectations that people will form," and that people should "Read these books carefully and take the fiction label seriously."

Without doubt, the books can strike fear in to the hearts of those who take them literally.

"I have a friend who read them who doesn't have a lot of biblical knowledge and when he finished he was worried. He thought that it was all going to happen exactly the way that the book portrays. I think that if people read them as non-fiction books it could be dangerous; we should have try to have holy lives all the time, and not just because we're worried all the time about when Jesus is coming back," Bobrow said.

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Sports

Women's soccer team recovering from injuries

By Chad Booth
Reporter

Injuries are a common phenomenon in all athletic venues where athletes push their bodies to the limit. However, the effects of several members of a team suffering injuries all at once can be devastating. Over the past three weeks, the Milligan women's soccer team has discovered just how devastating injuries can be.

"It has had a big impact," said John Garvilla, soccer coach for men and women, regarding the recent injuries the women have suffered.

Each team member who has been injured plays an important role in the game, and the team suffers when it is forced to fill gaps in the line-up. This especially rings true when the injured players are four members of the starting line-up.

The team's two starting goalkeepers have been taken out by recent injuries, leaving the team in an awkward position trying to find players with experience to put in front of the net.

Sophomore Abby Armstrong, one of two starting goalkeepers, returned to active play Saturday after being sidelined by an injury to her finger. "I cracked and

twisted my finger and they had to insert a plate and two pins in it," she said.

Armstrong is still wearing a guard to protect her finger.

Jordan Reed, the other goalkeeper, is suffering from a sprained ankle and a partially torn ligament. Reed said she is expected to return to the playing field in less than two weeks.

The loss of both starting goalkeepers has forced Garvilla to find players with some previous experience in the goal-keeping. Junior Heather Eckman, team captain who has not tended the net since high school, was the best temporary fit during the past four games according to Garvilla. Eckman played until one of the team's regular keepers could recuperate.

"Heather...played her heart out," Garvilla said.

Yet another blow to the team is the hole left by injured defender Salem Woody. Woody sprained her medial collateral ligament in her knee and is not expected back until Tuesday.

"Salem is our best defender and so with her out that counts against us, especially against teams with a lot of speed," Garvilla said.

Erica dePaula, the team's central midfielder, will not be back for an extended period of time. DePaula suffered a fractured foot and will not return until much later in the season.



Goal keeper Abby Armstrong successfully blocks a goal this past Saturday at Milligan.

Photo by Bethany Hefley

"Erica still has probably four weeks before she will be back," said Cary Targett, athletic trainer.

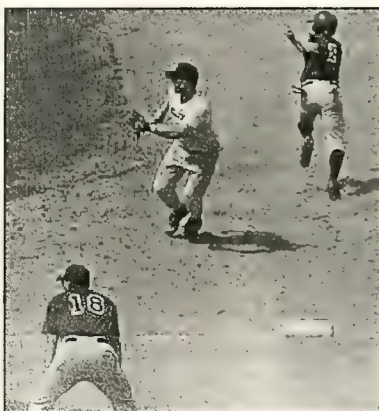
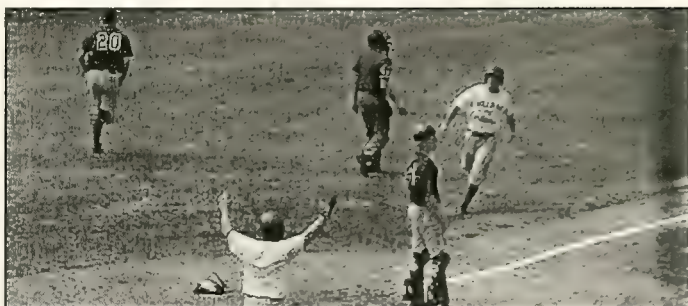
DePaula makes everyone else on the field look better by her excellent play, according to Garvilla. Without her, it makes things tougher on everyone.

Eckman said the team should greatly benefit from the return of the injured

players in the next two weeks. She feels that the momentum will pick up in the team's favor and they will get back to solid play once everyone is in their usual position.

"Moving us around and not knowing what position we'll be playing makes it really hard to focus on one spot," she said.

Milligan baseball team gets on deck for their upcoming season



(Far left top)
Juniors Chuck Arnold and Aaron Thomas along with Coach Clark reflect while watching the game.

(Far left bottom)
Senior Bobby Phillips takes off for first base.

(Above)
Senior Ben Phillips books it on home.

(Left)
Senior Jeremy Christian catches a line drive to first base.

Photos by Natalie Nevins and Anthony Samir

Features

Students battle addiction to video games

By Natalie Neysa Alund

Managing Editor

Bethany Hefty is an addict.

She sits on the floor of Williams 105 in a trance, staring at the television screen with somber eyes. To the left of her, crumpled Taco Bell wrappers. To the right, a half empty can of Mountain Dew. All around her, three roommates and four guest spectators hoot and holler at the top of their lungs.

"Come on girl! You can do it," screams a faithful observer who jumps up and down knocking over the half empty Mountain Dew.

It all started when Hefty misplaced Sarah Hatfield's VCR two weeks ago. Hefty had no idea of the consequences her action would bring upon Williams 105.

After days spent searching VCR, Hefty, a senior at Milligan, had an epiphany.

The epiphany was the Sony Playstation. The idea came when she was browsing through the entertainment aisle in Target two weeks ago, and the Playstation now sits below the television in a spot once occupied by the VCR.

"It's much better than a VCR," said Hatfield in a daze with her eyes glued to the screen while playing Tony Hawk's ProSkater. "Dang it," she yelled with frustration. "I crashed."

Hefty and the residents of Williams 105 have not been able to stop playing the addictive game since the day it was brought home.

The addiction is rationalized again and again, "Just one more game and I promise I'll go study."

Hatfield and Hefty both said in unison that they even go to bed dreaming they are still playing Proskater.

"I couldn't go to sleep last night because it was all I could think of," Hefty said about the game. "Whenever I closed my eyes all I could see was the warehouse where we skateboard."

Hatfield said despite the fact they have only two games, she and the girls in room 105 have been playing Playstation non-stop for the past two weeks.

Hefty said she cannot stop playing the game. She said she feels like she has to keep going back and beating her ultimate high score.

A wooden dry erase board sits next to the television and displays all the girls' high scores.

"My roommate Tera beat my score today so I have to go and beat her or I



(From left to right) Tara Downy, Abby Armstrong, Cindy Lee, Katie Huntsinger, Beth Hefty and Sarah Hatfield get rowdy in Williams 105 while playing with their daily addiction - Sony Playstation.

Photo by Natalie Neysa Alund

won't be able to study," Hefty said.

Hefty added she has even incorporated Playstation into her daily routine. She wakes up, and before showering, goes straight to the couch to sit down and play.

"Sometimes I wake up early to set aside a portion of the day to dedicate some time to it," Hefty said. She added that she tries to do a little studying in between games, but somehow she always ends up in front of the Playstation.

Senior Gabe Goulds said it would be cool to date a girl who plays Playstation.

"I think it's cool because it's kind of usually seen as a guy game," Goulds said.

Goulds said he plays Playstation an average of around three hours a week. Goulds said although he and his roommates admit they play the game habitually, he is astounded at the amount of time the girls put forth in their everyday activity.

"I thought I played a lot until I heard about the girls in room 105," he said.

The girls said although their time playing varies from day to day, they spend an average of about 30 hours during the week playing and 25 hours on the weekends.

Senior Cindy Lee chuckled as she talked about room 105's usage of Playstation.

"The girls don't even bother to turn the game off when they leave the room," Lee said. "They just leave the game on pause until the next person sits down to play."

According to Scott Burgess, supervisor of Toys-R-Us in Johnson City, younger children are not the only ones addicted to the game. Although the target market ranges anywhere from 14-24 years old, most of the buyers are in their early twenties.

"A very large percentage of our Playstation profit is from college-age students," Burgess said.

If you are addicted to Playstation, it's no news that it's a costly habit. Included in the Playstation package are the system itself and one controller rounding to a modest sum of \$99.99. Additional controllers can be purchased from a price ranging around \$24.99. The average cost of individual games range from \$14.99-39.99.

Hefty said if she had to choose between going out and playing Playstation, she would choose to stay in and play. She said that last week she was out with friends, and came home early just so they could play. She added that they played until six in the morning.

"I think I need rehab," said the addict at 2 a.m. as her skateboard player Tony Hawk did a handplant.

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Milligan enrollment down, retention rates up

By Christian McKay
Reporter

Although Milligan's enrollment this year reflected a drop of eight students from fall 1999, the registrar office's report released on Tuesday, Sept. 12 showed an increase in retention rates and in the average grade point average of freshmen.

Milligan's enrollment boasts the fourth-highest total in the college's history, but the 906 count for fall 2000 is actually the lowest since 1996. Enrollment reached its peak in 1998, with 927 students. Last year the total was 914.

"We were pretty aggressive in setting goals," said Mike Johnson, vice president of enrollment management. "Personally speaking, I wanted to reach 928 to beat the all-time record, but enrollment management is more than just a number game. We are interested in enrolling and retaining quality students.

We've grown pretty consistently and it's hard to constantly sustain growth."

Retention rates of freshmen returning as sophomores increased significantly this fall. The retention rate reached 72.4 percent this year, a 7.9 percent increase over 1999.

"We did retain more students than we did last year," Johnson said. "For me this was very encouraging. A better retention rate says that we are meeting the needs of our students and helping them succeed in and out of the classroom."

According to the registrar's office, the masters of education program had a decline in enrollment from 75 students in 1999, to 68 this fall. However, the masters of occupational therapy and the business administration major for adults programs both increased in the number enrolled.

"MSOT is up by five and the BAMA program showed an increase of six," said

Sue Skidmore, registrar and associate academic dean.

In the undergraduate program, this year's freshmen have higher high school GPAs than previous classes, as the average went from 3.4 in 1999 to 3.5 in 2000. These figures are higher than the national average, though according to Science Hill Guidance Counselor Shirley Stoner, the average GPA of a freshman class can be thrown off by weighted classes and varied computing methods.

"It's very hard to determine the national average grade point because everyone uses a different system," Stoner said. "If you looked at Tennessee High or Happy Valley their scores would be very different. Our average is right at 3.0208."

Meanwhile, the average ACT scores of students dropped one point from 24 to 23. According to the American College Testing's national score report for the year 2000, 23 is still above the national

average score of 21.

"During the past few years we have become more selective in our admission," Johnson said. "Incoming students usually have an ACT of 23 or 24. This year's class had an average high school grade point average of 3.5. Having quality students does have an impact on rankings and how the college is perceived. We aggressively pursue higher-ability students who want to study in a Christian environment."

According to Johnson, Milligan would like to maintain enrollment growth with high-ability students, while reaching the goal set last year to increase enrollment to over 1000 students.

"We are moving forward with our enrollment management plan in an effort to grow to reach an enrollment of 1200," Johnson said. "It will take several years to reach this goal. This is not going to happen quickly, but we will not lower our standards to reach this goal."

SUB 7 managers plan new year with financial concerns

By Chris Eger
Reporter

As the Sept. 30 premier of the SUB 7 coffeehouse approaches, Manager Aaron Johnston said that he and his staff are "trying to take SUB 7 on to the next level, both with the musical quality and the atmosphere inside."

"Students just want something new," he said.

This is just one of the challenges faced by Johnston, a junior at Milligan. Because SUB 7 is a non-profit organization, he expressed his concern with the financial status of the coffeehouse.

"With so many new goals and so little money, it's going to be very difficult to accomplish all we have envisioned for the year," Johnston said.

Solutions to the financial situation are few right now, but options include doing volunteer work in the community, seeking donations, having fewer open nights and requiring a cover charge on the nights that the bigger name bands play, according to Johnston.

"I would like to see the coffeehouse open more often," said junior Brad McMahan. "There wouldn't even have to be a band at all of them. But then when there was a band, I would definitely

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--Aaron Johnston

ly be willing to pay a door charge."

SGA has designated an annual fund of \$1,500 for SUB 7's maintenance, a funding that Johnston said he is "immensely grateful" for and is vital to SUB 7's future.

Nevan Hooker, president of SGA, said he wants to "to help in any way" that he can while SUB 7 expands and grows to reach more people.

"SUB 7 is one of the best things to happen for the Milligan Community," Hooker said. "It provides a relaxed, positive, and enjoyable environment." He added that he is glad to see Johnston "step up" to work with the project the way he has.

Johnston's role in managing SUB 7 is booking artists and bands while sustaining the appearance of the coffeehouse. At the same time, junior Becky Ruby handles all of the behind-the-scenes work.

"She and her staff prepare all of the

menu items and take care of students throughout the night, taking drink orders and making certain each customer is satisfied," Johnston said.

Some artists that SUB 7 has had in the past include: Katie Bowser, Sandra McCracken, Bicycle Grindstone, Wade Joye, Esther's Request, Seventh from Adam and Modern Day Prophets. Silar's Bald, Mitch McVicker and local groups are already scheduled for this year.

In November 1998, Steve Kohlman, then a senior, founded the coffeehouse. Kohlman spent his final semester at Milligan training and preparing Johnston for take-over in the management. Johnston had assisted Kohlman since the opening of the coffeehouse through painting, building the stage and running the sound equipment.

Last spring, Kohlman named Johnston manager of SUB 7. Kohl said he is confident in his choice of a successor.

"I know SUB 7 is in great hands — Aaron has been there from the beginning," he said. "By the time I graduated, Aaron and Becky were basically running the coffeehouse."

Johnston said he is optimistic about the future of SUB 7.

"The light is definitely there at the end of the tunnel, it seems we just need to



Managers Johnston and Ruby work to get SUB 7 ready for its opening night.

Photo by Natalie Auld

find as many ways to get there as possible," he added. "Steve left us with a good thing, and we're just going to do whatever we can to build on his success for the future."

NEWS

Production of film, 'The Screen' takes off

By Lance Ashby
Reporter

Just 48 hours after auditions were complete for Wonderboy Productions, senior Chad Garrison posted his cast for this semester's student film entitled "The Screen."

"This film will appeal to Milligan's students and faculty," Garrison said. "The movie is centered around a college student who feels his life is routine and boring. All these feelings change when he is offered \$1 million from a company who wants to film his life and turn it into a TV show."

Auditions were held in Derthick Hall theatre Sept. 5-6. About 32 students auditioned for parts in the film, but only 19 parts were handed out.

"I am very pleased with who I have to do this film," Garrison said. "Last year we did 'Shadows' and got an unbelievable response from students and faculty. This year's film promises to be something special."

One of the parts in "The Screen" did not require an audition. Chad Garrison will play the main character of the film.

"I want to be in front of the camera," Garrison said. "The movie's main character has a lot of me in it. I want to play the main character so that I can be actively involved in the film and won't have to worry about working around other student's schedules."

Kyle Dincler, who will play the roommate of one of the film's main characters, thinks Garrison is perfect for his self-appointed part.

"Chad understands the main character's role because he wrote the film," Dincler said. "A lot of the scenes in the movie are based on experiences Chad has gone through with friends."

Garrison will be working in tandem on this independent film with fellow senior John Mann. The two will receive three credit hours for their work.

"Chad offered for me to help develop this year's film after last year's Spring Festival," Mann said. "I serve as the guy behind the camera."

According to Mann, although their roles in the project are different, the two filmmakers will put in equal work.

Ashley Maddox, a former Milligan student and film production assistant in Los Angeles, said what Garrison is doing

will help his chances of having a film career in the future.

"Chad is doing the right thing," Maddox said. "The best way to get into the film business is to experiment in college and do films as an independent study."

Some students think that by creating this film, Garrison and Mann are doing something great for the school.

"It will be awesome for Milligan because no one has ever done anything like this before at this school," added Dincler. "It should be the beginning of something that can involve students with more than just intramurals."

Garrison said he wants the students that are not involved in the movie to have an opportunity to view his film at its premier on Friday, Dec. 8. The encore performance will be on Saturday, Dec. 9.

The film will premiere before students go home for Christmas break. Garrison said he hopes the attendance of the premiere will be good. He added that he hopes this is the start of something that will become a film tradition at Milligan.

Freshman SGA Representatives Elected

The results are in! After tallying the votes, Kevin Mason was elected president of the freshman class. The student representatives for the freshman class are: Andrew Hopper, Dave Guyer, Lindsay Patterson and Grete Riggs.

Chris Bellar is the new computer representative.

The voting process took place during the last meeting of Introduction to College and Careers on September 8, in Hyder Auditorium.

The freshman class president said he hopes to make a difference at Milligan.

"I want to make it memorable and for everyone to have a good time," said Mason. "I also want to help people grow in their faith and make Milligan a better place spiritually with more Christian fellowship."

—Paige Wassel reporting

How to be ready for election day with your absentee ballot

By Regina Holtman
Editor-in-Chief

Where are you going to be on Tuesday, November 7?

You could be driving back to your county of residence to vote, or you could make things easy for yourself and start preparing now to vote absentee.

First, you need to check with the registrar or election commission in your county to find out the specifications for your state. You need to do this soon, because deadlines vary by state. Usually, the election commission will need your name, address, social security number, signature and mailing address to send you an absentee ballot.

Another option is the website, www.election.com. It has a form you can fill out online to request an absentee ballot. Just click on "request an absentee ballot" and proceed to answer the questions. The website will then instruct you to print out the application and will give you the address of where to send it. But remember, the site recommends that you call the election officials in your county for deadlines and specific guidelines.

Once you receive your ballot in the mail, you can mark your vote and send it

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—Pat Hardy

back to the county at anytime.

Sandra Britton, a clerk at the Election Commission in Washington County, said the sooner you send your vote in, the better.

"It's a good idea to send the ballot back in the mail once you get it," she said.

Students should not underestimate the value of their vote. Absentee ballots were crucial in several 1994 elections, California's 36th district Representative Jane Harman appeared to lose until the absentee ballots were counted. Oregon's fifth and first districts also came down to absentee votes. In California's March 1996 primary, 23 percent of the total vote came from absentee ballots.

However, according to Tim Dillon, a humanities professor and historian of American history, a student's motivation for being an absentee voter should not be dependent upon whether or not the race is going to be decided by absentee votes.

"Absentee voting is simply doing what you always do as an obligation as a citizen," he said.

Pat Hardy, adjunct professor of political science at Milligan concurred that voting is a responsibility of citizens, and he said that a democracy does not work with out voting.

"Democracy means the responsibility to decide," he said. "You can not shirk your responsibility to decide."

But the trend among young people is to shirk their responsibility. According to census reports from the 1998 congressional election, voter turnout in the age group of 18-24 was the lowest of any generation. Slightly less than 1 in 5 voted. The age group with the highest voting participation was 55-74 year olds; more than three in five in this age group cast ballots.

"I think probably as you grow older you become more aware of how the government affects our lives," Hardy said. "But an 18-year-old has as much at stake in the government as any age group."

Hardy said he doesn't believe that young people's apathy keeps them from voting.

"The reason people don't vote is because they don't believe their vote counts," he said.

Senior Anne Marie Swanson said she thinks it is important to vote.

"I am planning on voting," Swanson said. "If all the people between 18 and 24 voted, we could change the vote."

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SPORTS

Sharpe suffers head injury during soccer game

By Phil Brown
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team went into their Sept. 13 match against Montreat with a 1-3 record and came out 1-4, but more importantly they lost their strongest defender and senior team captain.

"Derek is the heart and soul of this team. I was heartbroken when I found out how long he would be out," said Head Coach John Garvilla.



Sharpe is a senior and captain of the men's soccer team.

File photo

The injury sustained by Derek Sharpe in last Wednesday's game against Montreat will keep him sidelined 4-6 weeks.

"I went up for a head ball with a guy. I was behind him and when I brought my head forward, and when he brought his head forward his elbows came back and hit me in the eye. After that I was just fighting to stay conscious," Sharpe stated.

He was taken to an urgent care center in Asheville where he waited 20 minutes before he was sent to the Emergency Room at Mission/St. Joseph's Health Systems. It took surgeons two and a half hours to insert three titanium plates: one small plate in the brow, one small plate in the floor of the orbit, and a larger one in the cheekbone.

According to athletic trainer, Cary Targett, "It was worse than the doctors had expected. They were only going to put in two plates but once they started the surgery they realized he would need three."

He spent three nights in the hospital before his release on Saturday morning. Sharpe arrived at Milligan just in time to pray with his teammates before they took the field against Transylvania University.

Team Chaplain Bill Hauck went to Asheville on Friday afternoon and visited with Sharpe. Hauck returned to that night's practice with a request for his teammates. He asked them to simply devote the rest of the season to playing for Sharpe. The men's team displayed their devotion to their fallen teammate by beating Transylvania 3-0 on Saturday.

"I'm glad they're rallying around something. I hate that it has to be for this because I know it should be for the Lord," Sharpe said. "I just don't want Montreat to be my last game."

Sharpe is a two-time All-TVAC pick and an All-Region selection.

The men's varsity soccer team will go on to play their next home game on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 1:00 p.m.; they will play against Covenant.



Derek Sharpe in play before his injury.

Photo by Andrea Hopper

BRIEFS



Cross Country team begins season

The few races that the Milligan men's and women's cross country teams have had are giving them an insight as to where they are as a team and just how big they can become, according to their coach, Chris Lane.

The teams have run in two meets thus far in the season, at the Creeper Trail meet in Abington, Va. and in the University of Tennessee's Cross Country Invitational.

"I think that we are on schedule in regards to training, but we have to remember the big picture," Layne. "The Creeper Trail race was good, and the race at UT gave us a picture of what we have yet to do."

At the Creeper Trail race, both the men and the women claimed first place. At the UT meet both teams came in last, as they ran against top National Collegiate Athletics Association competition.

"We saw the most competitive teams all season so now we know what to expect. Now we can move forward from here," Layne said.

—Misty Fry reporting



Volleyball team going undefeated in Conference

The Lady Buff's volleyball team beat UVA/Wise in three games Tuesday night, allowing them to remain undefeated.

The UVA/Wise match was the sixth conference team they played this year.

Senior and co-captain Molly Stacks said that the biggest challenge facing the team is King College.

"We're doing really well this year," she said.

The volleyball team's first home game was Wednesday against Bluefield College.

—Regina Holtman reporting



Softball team competes in two-day tournament

Nine teams gathered at Winged Deer Park over the weekend for the annual Milligan College Softball Fall Classic. The Lady Buffaloes had an impressive performance in the two-day tournament, posting a 3-2 record.

Junior Lori Baimbridge and sophomore Vera Conkin blasted back-to-back in the park homeruns to help the Buffs win 7-3.

Milligan then fell to Emory and Henry. The Lady Buffs rebounded on Saturday with two wins over Brevard and Pikeville to place them second in their pool. Milligan later lost in the semi-finals to a tough Lincoln Memorial University team.

"I am extremely pleased with the way the girls played this weekend considering we've only had a few weeks of practice," Coach Wes Holly commented. "I think with a lot of work on hitting and pitching a conference title can be ours."

—Lauren Keister reporting

Milligan teams playing at home this week.....

—Today at 7:00 p.m. - JV men's soccer game vs. Union.

—Saturday, Sept. 23 at 1:00 p.m. - Varsity men's soccer vs. Covenant.

—Saturday, Sept. 23 at 3:30 p.m. - Varsity women's soccer vs. Covenant.

—Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7:00 - Varsity women's soccer vs. Berry.

Aerobics classes start

The first aerobics instruction for this year began Monday, September 18 between 7-8 p.m., in the lower Steve Lacy Fieldhouse. Ally Welch, a certified aerobics instructor leads the class. The schedule for aerobics is as follows:

Monday/Wednesday 7-8 p.m.
Saturday 11-noon

VIEWS

Parking problems and small-time heroes at Milligan



By
Chris Tomeo
Community Editor

I pull into campus at 9:26 a.m. I have four minutes to park my Mercury Topaz and get to class. No sweat. I steer my car into the lower McMahan Student Center parking lot and begin to wind through the rows of Saturns and Mazdas trying to find a space. Nothing. I snake through the rows again. Surely I just missed an opening. Again, nothing. I feel my face getting warm. "Come on," I think to myself. "I'm sure that with this new parking system Milligan has instituted that there must be an open spot for me." Nope.

I start to get angry. Tiny beads of sweat appear on my forehead. I begin to wonder if it would be a good idea for me to block in a faculty member. Not that I have ill will for any of my professors, but I figure that the student development office, or whoever handles parking problems, would listen more attentively to a professor who had a complaint than a student.

"I am *not* parking in the canyon!" I now begin to talk to myself out loud. The time is 9:29 a.m.— I'm going to be late.

I whip around and park at the end of a row. This is not a legal parking space, but if they slap one of those new \$20 parking tickets on me...ooh, I'm gonna raise hell.

"There was nowhere to park!" I'll shout at them. I will lay down the law spilling out all of my grievances, all my frustrations from five years of attendance at this school. The administration will be

baffled and they will fall at my feet in awe. I will be a new student hero. My speech to those money-grubbing monsters may change the way things are run at Milligan for a very long time. I'll be transformed from the fifth-year/diversified senior that no one knows into a reluctant hero. I'll probably get hoisted on somebody's shoulders and paraded down the aisle in chapel amidst cheers and much confetti.

But I don't really have time right now. I'm late.

I've got it. I'm on the Stampede staff. I'll just write a really nasty but well researched and well-thought-out column about the injustices of the parking situation at Milligan.

I wonder what I should wear to my ceremony of appreciation.

I begin to research, to interview and count parking spaces. But to my dismay, the more I learn about the parking problem at Milligan College, the more I realize that there isn't one.

The fact is that in comparison with other colleges and universities around the country, the parking situation at Milligan is absolutely normal.

There are 906 students and 106 full-time faculty and staff at Milligan. According to 1999 figures from the student development office, 83 percent of students have cars on campus. If we figure that every faculty member drives their own car and that all students have their car on campus at the same time on the same day, Milligan would need to find spaces for 858 cars.

The total number of available spaces on campus, not including married-student housing, the post office and the physical plant, totals 1056. I know because I counted.

"The real parking problem at Milligan is that people don't want to walk anywhere," said former Milligan and current ETSU student Dorinda



The "canyon" parking area at Milligan is often near empty -- no one wants to walk up the stairs to get to the fieldhouse, or walk the distance to get to classrooms.

Photo by Natalie Rausch

Rainey. "People want to park within 30 seconds of their classroom."

The average ETSU student parks within a four to 10 minute walk from his classroom. I walked from the lower Lacy Fieldhouse parking lot, otherwise known as "the canyon," to the Paxson Communications Building in seven minutes.

"[Parking] is a relative issue," said Mark Fox, vice president of student development at Milligan. "It is a lot easier to park here than at ETSU, but we can always improve."

Rocky Rausch, vice president of student development at King College, a nearby private college whose student body is around 700, agrees with Fox.

"Most of our parking complaints are complaints about convenience of parking," Rausch said. "You know at the University of Tennessee students are walking 10 minutes or more to class, but at a small school people expect more."

Rausch said that King College has an abundance of available parking on campus, but that much of it, due to con-

struction, is not as near to the classrooms as students would like.

Any complaints about parking at Milligan seem almost ludicrous when compared to those at a major university.

Aaron Preslin, a senior at Purdue University in Indiana, has to walk 12 minutes from his apartment to his car every morning.

Milligan has been making efforts to make parking more convenient for students and faculty. Last summer, the school added 50-55 new parking spaces behind Hart Hall and a project is currently underway near the Faculty Office Building to add a new lot. Additional parking spaces were also created near Hardin.

So, it is one week later. My research is complete. My mission to overthrow the administration is thwarted. It's too bad. I would have been a good hero. I had my first speech half written.

I pull into campus, get out of the car and hang my head in defeat as I begin the seven-minute trek from "the canyon" to my first class.

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Mercy shows no mercy at Olympics

By Nathaniel Poling
Reporter

Milligan students Mercy Akide and Florence Omagbemi made international Olympic headlines this past week as they competed in the 2000 Sydney Olympics as part of the Nigerian National Women's Soccer Team.

The United States shattered Nigeria's hopes for Olympic gold in Sydney last Wednesday when they were defeated 3-1. The Nigerians struggled against strong Olympic competition, and were eliminated after a pair of 3-1 losses to China and Norway.

In three matches, Nigeria allowed nine goals while scoring only three times. Akide scored two of the three Nigerian goals. She is currently a communications major attending Milligan College. Akide and teammate Omagbemi, also a communications major at Milligan, were selected to represent their country at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

Akide scored in the 48th minute of their match against the United States and earlier in the week scored in the 78th



Milligan student Mercy Akide racing down the field
AP photo

minute against Norway.

Akide is a striker from Puri-Harewri, Nigeria and Omagbemi is a midfielder from Harri, Delta State, Nigeria. Both earned 1999 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Honors. Omagbemi was named to the NAIA 2nd team while Akide was selected for the NAIA 3rd Team. Akide was also the

1999 Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player. In addition to being Olympic and Milligan teammates, Akide and Omagbemi were members of the 1999 Women's World Cup Nigerian Soccer Team.

When asked about the impact Olympians Akide and Omagbemi would have on Milligan, Jonathan Berry, director of sports marketing and summer programs, was optimistic.

"For a school the size of Milligan, its instant national attention and instant credibility," he said. "It's good for Milligan and great exposure for the college as a whole."

Berry also said that the Nigerian Olympians would help Milligan's soccer program grow. Because of their prominence, Akide and Omagbemi are valuable recruiting tools for developing Milligan's soccer program.

Even before their Olympic selection, the Nigerian women contributed much to Milligan's soccer program and their absence is telling. Their positive attitude and hard work raised the level of

play for women's varsity soccer, according to Hans Hobson, assistant coach of men and women's varsity soccer.

"They're incredible," he said. "They were very, very humble. Whatever we wanted from them, they did. Florence was a teacher and an on-

field coach. Now that they're gone, we're lacking speed and leadership."

Coaches were not the only ones proud of Akide and Omagbemi. Fellow students were proud of the dynamic

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-- John Lawson

Nigerian duo. "It was a really good game and cool to watch," said sophomore John Lawson who watched Nigeria play the United States. "The Nigerian team played their hearts out. Mercy was bouncing all over the field. It was really bizarre to see someone doing something so well and it gives you a feeling of pride because you know that person."

Akide and Omagbemi miss Milligan and are planning to return in January for the spring semester, according to Hobson.

New concert planning council gets started

By Chad Booth
Reporter

Never the Same Productions began as a faction of Concert Council last week under the leadership of freshman Tyler Dunn and junior Phil Brown.

"Basically we are just trying to bring in Christian bands that aren't big name groups," Dunn said.

Dunn and Brown said they created Never the Same Productions because they wanted to bring in smaller bands that are not quite as popular as the larger bands solicited by Concert Council. Concert Council is the legislative body that officially authorizes, promotes and organizes concerts from bands outside of the Milligan community.

According to Hannah Eisaman, president of Concert Council, they have had several bad experiences with smaller bands.

"I don't want people to think we are trying to compete with Concert Council. We are really trying to work with them to give everyone more options."

--Tyler Dunn

"In the past Milligan has lost money on small concerts," Eisaman said.

Losing money caused the school and the council to begin scheduling bands through a booking agency called Covenant Productions, who currently brings in outside bands such as Jennifer Knapp to play at Milligan.

Dunn states that working through a booking agency such as Covenant protects the school from losing money to failed productions. It also prevents the school from bringing in the smaller bands to which Never the Same Productions will cater.

"We don't really have a problem with Concert Council. They just don't have enough money to deal with the bands we are wanting to bring here," Dunn said.

Never the Same Productions, although remaining completely independent of the school and receiving no funding, would like to work as closely with Concert Council as possible.

"I don't want people to think we are trying to compete with Concert Council," Dunn said. "We are really trying to work with them to give everyone more options."

It is thus far, undecided whether all of the shows promoted by Never the Same Productions will be held on Milligan's campus or at some other venue.

The new group is not trying to remain exclusive. Dunn stresses that anyone who wishes to get involved is welcome to help out in any way they can

and donate their ideas and input.

Does this mean Milligan will be bringing in secular bands to perform now? Not according to Dunn, who says they will not be seeking to bring in just any band.

"We want to put Christ in everything as much as possible," Dunn said. "All of the bands we bring in are going to be Christian."

An emphasis will be placed on punk rock bands, with which Dunn has five years of background. Two of the bands Never the Same Production is currently looking to bring in are The Julianna Theory and Ghoti Hook.

Dunn said he observes from talking to fellow students that there is an interest for the smaller bands and that the lower ticket prices will encourage a large show of support. He projects that prices will vary depending on the band but will generally stay around the five-dollar mark.

NEWS

Navy V-12 program veterans return to Milligan

By Christan McKay

Reporter

"Pardee's got it! All you guys from Hardin get out of the way," shouted William Earthman above the crowd.

Earthman, a U.S. Navy veteran, and over 50 other men from Milligan's division of the U.S. Navy's V-12 College Training Program gathered in Johnson City September 22 and 23 for the sixth reunion of the group. The assembly's first reunion took place in 1980, and they now meet about every three years.

This year's reunion kicked off Friday night with a dinner at the Holiday Inn in Johnson City. Saturday the veterans came to Milligan for a campus tour and photo. The group then gathered in front of Sutton Hall before eating lunch

in the dining hall, and they enjoyed a time to visit, swap stories and share memories from their stay at Milligan.

"It's changed a lot since the 1940's," Earthman said. "We kept it alive during the war. There were 200 young men who came in 1943. We did have fun!"

The community benefited from the men's stay as well, according to Billie Joe Earthman, wife of William Earthman.

"We women had fun too," she said. "I'm from Elizabethton, and with the air force cadets at ETSU and the navy here at Milligan, we didn't have any trouble getting dates during World War III!"

Milligan and 130 other colleges participated in the navy's college training program. Milligan was the only college to completely turn its facilities over to the government, according to the Milligan College website.

According to *The Navy V-12 Program: Leadership For a Lifetime*, written by James Schneider, a member of Milligan's V-12 program, the navy began the program to educate more commissioned officers after the draft age was lowered to 18 in November 1942.

The armed forces used the program to train officers to man ships and planes and to command troops in World War II. The program accepted men already enlisted in the navy and marine corps reserve programs or those recommended by commanding officers.

"I was here July 1943 to February 1944 in the first group that came," said Duard Walker, Milligan's athletics direc-



The Milligan Navy V-12 program veterans posed in front of Sutton Hall on Saturday
Photo by Andrew Hopper

tor and a member of the V-12 program at Milligan. "It changed my whole life. We were just getting into the war then."

According to Jim Key, a member of the Milligan program, many trainees took the equivalent of around 20 to 21 hours of academics, as well as navy courses and physical training.

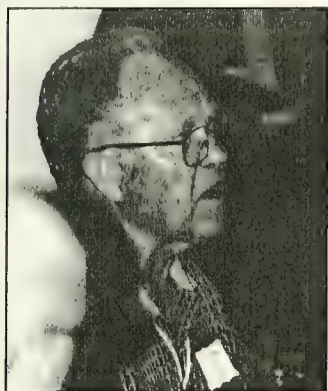
"We had to run and do obstacle courses and things like that," Key said. "We took at least 20 or 21 hours of regular classes, like math and English, and then we had navy courses too. I took enough naval courses to have a mechanical engineering degree and a naval science degree."

Schneider said that the program heavily emphasized math and science courses, although those already in college continued in their majors.

According to the Navy and Marine Corps World War II Commemorative Committee's website, over 125,000 men enlisted in the V-12 program between July 1943 and June 1946. A total of 60,000 men in the program became "commissioned as Navy ensigns or Marine Corps second lieutenants."

After completing the program at Milligan, many men went on to other colleges to complete degrees in engineering or went into the war as officers.

"I was going into the officers candidate school from Milligan," Walker said. "I was sent from Milligan to New York for mid-shipman's school. I graduated from there and was commissioned an ensign, which is equivalent to a second lieutenant in the Army."



Duard Walker, resident director of Webb Hall, was part of the Navy V-12 program.
Photo by Andrew Hopper

Students explore options in long-distance calling

By Melanie Lorenz

Reporter

This past Thursday, Chris Norris of DCS Bell South Mobility sold four cell-phones with calling plans to students and faculty in his two and a half hour stay in Sutton Lobby.

"That is really good for the amount of time I was here," said Norris, who will return to campus again next week.

The Bell South package, which charges a flat monthly rate for regional and national calling plans, is yet another option for students searching for cheap long distance.

Milligan allows student access to other services beside BTI, and most students do use other services.

Mike Smith, director of information technology, said he sees the trend towards wireless as one reason that participation in Milligan's BTI plan has been dropping in the last few years. Of Milligan's 900 plus student, only fourteen rely on the school based BTI plan, according to Smith.

It's a much more competitive market than it was two years ago. There are a lot more attractive rates out there and I'm not sure BTI is keeping up.

--Mike Smith

"It's a much more competitive market than it was two years ago. There are a lot more attractive rates out there and I'm not sure BTI is keeping up," Smith said. "The industry is not only more competitive, but it is changing with the type of services, like wireless...I think that is why we are seeing less participation."

Instead of signing up with BTI, students use a variety of long distance services ranging from collect calls, phone cards, cell phones and Internet phone services.

In a survey of 96 students, calling cards were the most popular method used for long distance calls. Fifty-nine percent of students at Milligan use a combination

of phone cards with other calling plans; 39 percent of students use a calling card only.

Last year, several students were caught using the supposedly untraceable 10-10-220 number from Telecom-USA in an effort to get free long distance. The actual cost of the call was billed Milligan.

This year, a few Milligan students have found a method to get free long distance through Internet PC to phone calls through the Internet with groups like dialpad.com, phonefree.com and ilink.com.

According to sophomore Jennifer Soucie, who frequently used Internet long distance services PC to make phone calls, they often have poor sound quality and they are hard to get a good connection with. A headset delivers the best quality, but a microphone also will do the job.

"I'm in college and I don't want to waste my money on long distance plans," Soucie said, while scrolling through a search engine site looking for more phone service deals.

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SPORTS

Lady Buffs victorious in home game

By Jonah Price

Reporter

Last Wednesday, the Lady Buffs volleyball team started their home opener out on the right foot defeating Bluefield College three games to one (15-4, 15-13, 9-15, 15-6).

"Overconfidence was what allowed Bluefield to stay in the game as long as they did," said Head Coach Debbie Cutshall. "We just need to stay focused on the task at hand and play hard till the last point is made."

Milligan jumped out to an early 15-4 win in game one. Wendy Weaver continues to dominate after her great freshman year, as she had 14 kills.

"After the first game we just expected to win and we started playing sloppy and that allowed them to gain momentum," Weaver said.

In the second game, Bluefield did just that and took an 8-7 lead, but the Lady Buffs stormed back to win 15-13. With momentum on their side, and the Lady Buffs not playing up to par, Bluefield fought to take the third game 15-9.

However, Milligan went on to wrap up the match 15-6.



Sophomore Wendy Weaver spikes a the ball over to Bluefield on Wednesday night.

Photo by Jason Harville

Christina Medlin had a great night with 13 kills, 21 digs, and 3 blocks. Molly Stacks also played well in adding 19 assists.

"Our hitting percentage is usually higher than it was tonight and that prevented us from putting Bluefield away early," Denton said.

Seniors Molly Stacks and Cassie Denton are the co-captains, replacing last year's seniors Lesa Duncan and Sarah Grooms in providing leadership.

The Lady Buffs' next home game is Tuesday evening Oct. 3 against Montreat College. Their record was 9-2 overall and 7-0 in the conference at press time.

Briefs

Lady Buffs soccer team overtakes Covenant team

The Lady Buffs received two goals from junior, Sarah Guetzloe, and one from freshman, Bianca Spoto as they rolled past the Lady Scots of Covenant College on Saturday. Team captain Heather Eckman, shutout the Lady Scots. Eckman is the third goalkeeper to tend the nets this season for the Lady Buffs because of injuries to both starters, Abby Armstrong and Jordan Reed. The women's varsity improved their record to 7-4 overall and 4-1 in the conference. They took with them a two-game winning streak when they faced Brevard College on Sept. 26.



Junior Heather Eckman tended the shut-out game.

Intramural football prepares to kick off

By Lance Ashby

Reporter

"Blue 42! Blue 42! Set, Set, Hike!"

In less than a month, Milligan College's intramural football season will kick off. Milligan does not have a football team, so for many students this is the only way to fulfill football fever.

Seniors Beth Conner and Trent Davis are on the intramural staff and have a number of exciting things planned for this year's season.

"This year's season will be considerably longer than the years past," Conner said. "Each team will play one another twice and the championship game will be decided under the lights and will be a campus wide event."

This year's games will be played on the soccer practice field, located beside the baseball field. Equipped with lights, this new location will allow the teams to play night games.

According to Davis, Coach Ray Smith, director of intramurals and athletic facilities, and Mark Fox, vice president for student development, night-play has

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--Kyle Dincler

already been approved. However, more than likely the only game that will involve the lights will be the championship.

Senior Kyle Dincler has been appointed by Conner and Davis to be in charge of the championship game. He said he is very excited about the opportunity.

"I want this to be a big event with everything from a play by play [announcing] to special guest referees," said Dincler.

According to Dincler, the game will be something students and faculty will be encouraged to attend. Prizes will be given away at the game and students will be encouraged to bring grills to cook out.

More than a dozen names have been discussed for special guest referees. Dincler however, will make the final

decision on who will be blowing the whistles.

"I have had a lot of suggestions from the students, but it looks like Jack Knowles and Dean Fox will be two of the three guest referees," Dincler said. "There will be one unnamed surprise guest referee that will not be revealed until right before kickoff. Either way, it should be fun for everyone and hopefully we can draw a big crowd."

A possibility that is still being discussed is taking the winner of our intramural football championship game and playing a game against arch rival King College's football intramural champion. This is only a possibility, but it is something that Milligan and King used to do.

"Years ago we used to always have our intramural football champion compete against King's," Davis said. "It may never happen again but it sure would be a lot of fun."



Men's Soccer defeats Covenant 1-0

The Men's varsity defeated conference rival Covenant College 1-0 on Saturday. Roger Kennedy scored on one of the Buffs' numerous chances. They are now 4-4 overall and 3-2 in conference play; winning their last 3 games despite losing 8 starters to suspensions and injuries. Goalkeeper Andy Stoots has remained unscored on, as the Buffs have outscored opponents 11-0 during their winning streak. They continued action on the road against Division I opponent Coastal Carolina University Wednesday, and later will continue conference action at King or Brevard.

Reporting by Phil Brown

FEATURES

Liquid gold is on Milligan campus

By Natalie Alund
Managing Editor

If you see Jessica Carter running around on campus, she is probably searching for liquid gold.

"Everyone thinks I am crazy for this, but it is for a good cause," said Carter, a freshman. "In my classes or where ever I am, I randomly ask people for their soda tabs."

Carter is collecting soda tabs, or "liquid gold," a nickname well known to the Southern Appalachian Ronald McDonald House in Johnson City.

The Ronald McDonald house is a temporary home away from home for families of children in crises.

Parents of children can find shelter at the house when their child is sick, and are only required to pay a maximum of 10 dollars daily. If the families cannot afford to pay, then no fee is required.

"I believe you take the tabs to the McDonald house and the house sends the tabs to the soft drink companies and they in turn give they money to aid the house," Carter said.

Jane Ann Thomas, the wife of Humanities Professor Ted Thomas, introduced Carter to the service project at the start of the school year.

"What she is doing is marvelous," Thomas said. "Jessica is so well organized as a freshman and she isn't afraid to do anything good."

"Everyone thinks I am crazy for this, but it is for a good cause. In my classes or where ever I am, I randomly ask people for their soda tabs."
--Jessica Carter

Carter said Thomas introduced her to Mark Matson, academic dean, and he told her how his daughter, Angela Matson collected the tabs before she was involved in an automobile accident six years ago. Carter said Angel collected the tabs for the McDonald house, and after her death a teen room was named after her in her honor of her support of the house. Hence, Carter decided to carry on the same tradition collecting the tabs.

"I felt encouraged to do something for our community and in her memory," Carter said.

Matson said what Carter is doing is super.

"It's a painless way to raise money for the house," Matson said.

Matson emphasized how beneficial raising money for the house is.

"When children are sick, their parents can rest at ease at the McDonald house is by not having to worry about the hassle of finding a hotel," Matson said.

Since the start of the school year, Carter has collected over 329 tabs that

she keeps in a Prego spaghetti jar on a shelf in her dorm room.

According to Leah Tapp, house manager of the Ronald McDonald House located on the North State of Franklin, there are over 204 Ronald McDonald houses across the nation established to help needy families.

Tapp said the tabs that are donated toward the house make a huge difference and aid them tremendously.

"The money from the tabs goes toward running the house, paying utility bills and providing food for the families with sick children," Tapp said.

On Milligan's campus, Carter has put up flyers encouraging others to donate their soda can tabs.

"It would be cool if we could get it to be a campus wide event," Carter said. "So far I have told my RA's and the Bible study group I attend, I hope the notion can be expanded."

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Left- (From left to right) Seniors Deven Hazelwood, Jason Mackey, Adam Johnson and Danielle Gudmestad flaunt their super hero ability during their game last week.

Photos by Natalie Neysa Alund



Senior Russ Hertzog awaits his turn at bat.

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Bush seeks support in Tri-Cities region

By Regina Holtman
Editor-in-Chief

Texas Gov. George W. Bush worked to win votes in Vice President Al Gore's home state as he spoke at a rally at the Tri-Cities airport on Tuesday afternoon.

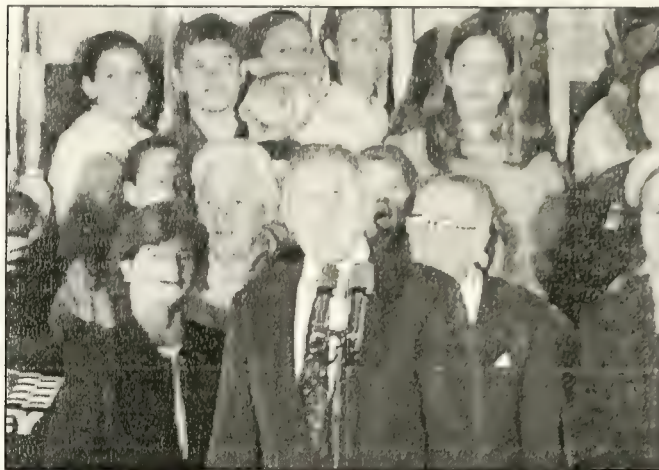
"Laura and I are here in east Tennessee to ask you to turn out and vote," Bush said.

An estimated 10,000 to 12,000 people attended the rally held in a hangar at the airport in Blountville, said Charlotte Montecal, the state-campaign coordinator for Bush. East Tennessee has traditionally been a Republican-voting region.

Senators Fred Thompson and Bill Frist, Representative Bill Jenkins and Governor Don Sundquist gave opening speeches as republican officials from Tennessee, while country singer Hank Williams introduced the Texas Governor.

Bush spoke about the same issues he has been campaigning with – local control of schools, tax cuts for everyone, Medicare reform, a prescription drug plan that "lets the people choose," the rebuilding of national defense and social security reform with private investment.

John Rambo, the head of the Washington County Republicans for Bush, said that Bush's proposed social



George W. Bush speaks to the crowd. His wife, Laura Bush stands to his left as the Science Hill colorguard and band who played at the rally stand behind him.

Photo by Ashley Greer

security reforms should distinguish him from Gore in the eyes of college students.

"I think the biggest difference between Bush and Gore is that he has a plan that will allow young people to have an investment account of their own," he said.

Lauren Carpenter, a freshman at ETSU who attended the event, said that Bush's social security plans make her want to vote for him.

"I care a lot about trying to save Social Security, because I don't want to work all my life and then it not be there," she said.

Charlotte Montecal, the chairman of the Tennessee Student for Bush and Gore, said that she was excited to see the Bush appeal to college students as an education plan.

"I feel like he has a better plan for helping us get an education through a 1.5 billion dollar scholarship program along with the grants that he wants to give for high-achievers to be able to take advance placement classes," he said. "He's taking the American dream and making it available to college students."

Montecal said that issues like Social Security highlight the fundamental difference between Gore and Bush.

"It's important that we can control our money," she said. "Vice President Gore wants a bigger government with a much more paternalistic approach. We need a limited government."

Bush spoke about his approach to government in the rally.

"Our campaign is one that trusts the American people – we trust you with your money, we trust you with your children, we trust you to make healthcare decisions," he said.

Bush left Tennessee Tuesday afternoon to prepare for his debate with Gore on Wednesday night at Wake Forest University in S.C.

Napster decision significant to WUMC radio

By Chad Booth
Reporter

WUMC 90.5 The Rock, is facing a new challenge pending the outcome of a lawsuit involving an Internet company started by a New Jersey teenager.

Music collectors who use the Internet to download songs at no cost will remember Monday, Oct. 2, 2000. Napster, a free Internet service where music is traded, returns to the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to fight for survival. This precedent setting case will have a lasting effect on the future of the music industry.

"It will definitely have an effect on us," said Dan Carpenter, station manager for The Rock.

The reason that this will impact the radio station on campus is because there is currently no law against the download of mp3s, short for audio layer three files. The Napster decision will serve as the

precedent for future lawsuits against various Internet sites that offer the capability to trade mp3s.

Although The Rock does not use Napster, it does rely on other mp3 sites to supply a large percentage of its music. An unfavorable decision for Napster could mean the end of music trading on the Internet, or at least the end of trading at no cost.

According to Carpenter, the license to broadcast owned by the radio station allows them to play music from any source, be it an mp3 or a borrowed compact disk. However, if the Internet sites containing the mp3s are forced to begin charging fees for the songs, the radio station will have to seek other venues for acquiring music.

The reduction of available music on the Internet will require a totally new approach to music gathering by The Rock. Facing the prospect of changing a system that has increased the precision and capabilities of the station is a cause

for some uneasiness among The Rock's staff.

"Ninety percent of the music we are using this year is mp3 files from the web," Carpenter said.

This means that in order to obtain new music, The Rock could be forced to seek out traditional sources such as compact discs owned by station, staff or Milligan community. This would limit the ability of the station to provide a wide variety of music and inhibit them from providing up to date songs from new artists.

The Rock is on automation for the majority of the day starting at midnight and running until the afternoon disc jockey goes on the air. All automation for the station is currently mp3 files running from a computer.

"If mp3's are totally wiped off the net we will have to completely re-evaluate our music program," Carpenter said.

Carpenter says that it would be possible to continue using the same system.

The mp3 files could be made from compact disks collected from students at Milligan and used in the automation playlist. Mp3 files are not illegal if you are the owner of the compact disc.

This does not rectify the problem of variety or volume. It is a time-consuming process. In order to maintain the same level of new mp3's currently being used, the station would have to process 90 percent from borrowed compact disks into mp3 files.

This would more than double the staff's workload.

"We are considering changing our automation program to one that does not use mp3s," Carpenter said.

Carpenter argues that mp3s do not hurt the artists in sales of compact disks.

Evidence seems to support that very thing. Time Magazine recently reported that record industry sales have increased in the Napster era and in the last year alone, have elevated by \$500 million.

NEWS

NCATE evaluates Milligan's education program

By **Christan McKay**
Reporter

Members of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education visited Milligan September 23-27 for an on-site visit, which occurs every five years.

"A joint NCATE/Tennessee Department of Education team visits every five years to review us for continuing accreditation status, to approve new licensure programs and to see that we have met any revised state guidelines for licensure," said Philip Roberson, director of teacher education and associate professor of early childhood education at Milligan.

Three members of the NCATE board of examiners, along with three members of the Tennessee Department of Education, met with faculty members and students to evaluate all areas of Milligan's education program, according to Norma Morrison, professor of education.

Members of the teacher education committee and academic committees, as well as current undergraduate education students, student teachers, recent graduates and graduate students in education met with the team and were interviewed about the various aspects of Milligan's education program.

Students and teachers from Milligan's partner schools also met with the NCATE team in order to see how these practices are working in an actual school setting. Open forums for Milligan professors and students from all areas of study took place Monday and Tuesday as well.

According to Morrison, the education department prepared for NCATE's visit by producing several types of documentation, such as reports, interviews with students, former students and faculty, progress reports from students at area schools and electronic documentation.

"If it's not documented they don't believe it happened," Morrison said.

NCATE is an organization dedicated to assuring high-quality teacher preparation. According to the NCATE website, the group, "is a coalition of 33 specialty professional associations of teachers, teacher educators, content specialists and local and state policy makers. All are committed to quality teaching."

NCATE recognizes 501 colleges and universities nationally as accredited schools. According to Roberson, 17 out of 39 schools in Tennessee boast this honor.

"Milligan was the second Tennessee institution to be accredited in 1968, ahead of all state colleges and universities in the state," he said.

Milligan also volunteered to be one of the first colleges to be evaluated under

NCATE's new set of standards, which took effect in 2000. According to NCATE's list of 2001 standards, the new standards include demonstrated knowledge by students in the education programs, such as knowledge of content and professional skills and the meeting of state and national requirements. The standards also place requirements on the college or university to provide field experience, diverse working conditions and well-qualified faculty.

"Milligan is the first college or university in the nation to be reviewed under new NCATE 2000 standards, which do not become mandatory until September, 2001," Roberson said. "We volunteered to pilot the new standards. We are leading the way into new territory where programs will be judged based upon whether and how our candidates impact learning in school children, rather than on what happens on our campus."

According to Morrison and Roberson, Milligan met these new standards with a few suggestions for improvements. Milligan is not at liberty to discuss the verbal suggestions of the NCATE board, although a written report will be published in four to five weeks.

"The President and board are fully committed to continued success for our teacher education programs and that Milligan can and will do what it takes to address and concerns identified by the team," Roberson said. "All team mem-

bers spoke highly of the faculty and student body at Milligan, finding the campus to be an extremely friendly, hospitable and positive environment."

According to Roberson, graduates from NCATE accredited schools find job searching much easier. NCATE accredited schools also find it easier to keep up with trends in education and maintain a quality program.

"Graduates who go to other states to teach have a easier time getting their Tennessee license converted to the new state if the degree is from an NCATE institution," Roberson said.

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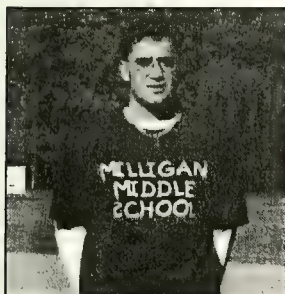
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Pics of the week



Senior Tom Clement wears one of the shirts that were printed in reaction to President Jeanes' convocation speech.

Photo by Robin Hamilton

Milligan volunteers donate time

By **Sarah Small**
Reporter

Students and faculty members at Milligan donated their time to help build a house for the homeless with Habitat For Humanity on Saturday, September 30. Campus Minister Nathan Flora, Dean of Academics Mark Matson and several students worked from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. helping to build a home on Park Avenue in Johnson City.

"We built a supporting wall inside, took down bracing, wrapped the outside of the house and put in windows," said sophomore Louesa Hampton.

The home will eventually be sold to a homeless family in Johnson City. The cost to build a habitat house is usually about \$45,000. That estimate includes materials, land and volunteer labor. A family that buys a habitat house only has to pay a mortgage of \$250 to \$350 a month and the money goes back into the program to build other houses.

The Holston Habitat affiliate of Habitat For Humanity is currently funding the Park Avenue project, but normal-

ly a covenant partner pays about \$5,000 or contributes labor to the project. A covenant partner could be a church group, civic organization, business or individual organization.

The main reason for working with Habitat For Humanity is to help people that do not have a place to live.

Jessica Hedrick, a sophomore at Milligan, said, "I always have wanted to work with Habitat For Humanity because it makes me feel good to help people."

Flora said he felt the same way,

"People who are given so much should share that, and I support anything that would help people who need a home."

Matson is especially interested in Milligan getting more involved with Habitat. "I believe in Habitat. It is a great project, and it would be great to have a Milligan chapter," he said.

The Holston Habitat affiliate is in its 15th year. They will dedicate their 100th house in November, and the founder, Millard Fuller, is coming for the dedication.

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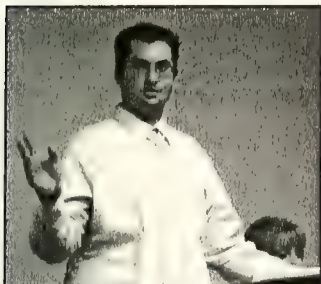
SGA moves toward creating new face on campus

By Misty Fry

Student Life Editor

In an effort to give SGA a "face-lift", President Nevan Hooker is working hard to bring about positive changes within the student government and on the surrounding campus.

Hooker is taking this year's "Make a Difference" theme to a new level as he and the rest of SGA try to get involved in



President Nevan Hooker in action at the SGA meeting last week.

Photo by Regina Holtman

the lives of students and spread enthusiasm for what SGA has to offer.

"We want people to know that SGA is there for them," Hooker said. "We are servants, trying to be more in touch with the student body. SGA is representative of the students and we want to make the atmosphere more friendly, more accessible."

Many of the SGA representatives have also noticed a change in the atmosphere of the meetings and in the attitudes of the students.

"The meetings are vibrant, teeming with life," said junior Andrew Parker. "The changes have been positive. The executive council is all about getting stuff done and having fun in the process."

Not only are leadership positions different from last year, but the SGA is also establishing new activities for the coming year including a blood drive that will take place Oct. 24 and 25 outside of Hart Hall.

"There is a great need for blood in the Tri-Cities area and last year ETSU raised 200 pints," Hooker said. "That is small. Milligan could blow that out of the water. We could turn it into a com-

petition to show what kind of college we are."

At students' request, next semester, a recycling program is also going to be started. Jason Evans and Nathan Flora will lead the program. According to Hooker, three or four years ago students wanted to bring in recycling, but no one followed through with taking the responsibility to pick up the recycled items all over the campus.

"Support is the key to making a program like this work," Hooker said. "Everyone needs to become involved. We just want to start small and work from there."

Hooker also invented the Make a Difference Award, an honor given every third convocation to a student who is doing positive things for the school and community. Hooker wants the award to be for people who have worked hard, but never get recognized. Last week, Gina Wells was the first recipient of this new award. Wells has been active in almost every aspect of student life, even filling in for Elisa Dunman, the student activities director who left just this year.

"(Wells) is amazing, always on the

ball with new ideas and activities," said junior Bethany Haynes. "She always has something going on. Without her, there would be hardly any activities and those activities are what give the campus life."

Hooker is also excited about the new freshman class and the new ideas they bring.

"The freshman class is incredible," he said. "I'm really looking forward to working with them. I'm so glad they are on campus."

Despite the positive events that are happening, Hooker realizes that the job of SGA will never be complete.

"Everything we are doing takes continuous effort—we continually want to make things better. The minute we stop trying, the minute we go down. This college is what we make it."

As of right now, Hooker is just trying to be a positive example and do the very best job that he can.

"This could be turning point in the history of Milligan where the college really gets on fire for Christ, has a lot of fun and a lot of friends are made. My hope is that people will remember it was an enjoyable year."

Bookstore sponsors food drive for Cranks Creek mission

By Nathaniel Poling

Reporter

The Milligan College bookstore is currently sponsoring a food drive to help feed and send supplies with Crank's Creek volunteers. To promote the food drive, which lasts until October 20th, the bookstore is offering students, faculty and staff who donate two or more items of non-perishable foodstuffs a 10 percent discount on any sportswear purchase.

Crank's Creek is in Harlan County, in southeastern Kentucky, about an hour and a half drive from Milligan. Originally a coal-mining town, it became economically depressed and isolated when the coal ran out and the mining company left. Flooding during the 70's wiped out much of Crank's Creek, adding further to the area's economic woes. The Crank's Creek Survival

Center was established to aid and support the region's inhabitants.

The more the food drive raises, the less money the survival center will need to feed volunteers. This allows more funds to be donated to Crank's Creek for building materials. Items especially needed for this trip include: lasagna noodles, green beans, cereal, cups, plates, bowls, oatmeal, flour, sugar, oil, shortening, peanut butter, jelly, brown sugar, tomato sauce, tomato paste and Kool Aid.

Jonathan Robinson, manager of the bookstore, said that the food drive coincides with the traditional time when the weather begins turning cold. Students are tempted to buy more clothes, especially sweatshirts. He added that the deal is a "win-win situation and an added incentive" for people to donate food.

Robinson, who went on the Crank's

Creek trip in 1998, admits that based on previous years, the results of the food drive are unpredictable. The drive may raise anywhere from a truckload of supplies to as little as three bags.

During this promotion, the bookstore actually loses profit due to the discount and because some people donate food without making a purchase. However, Robinson said that the drive is not about profit, but about helping Crank's Creek and Milligan volunteers.

"It's what's best for the Milligan community," he said.

For the past six years, Milligan has sent outreach teams to Crank's Creek. Milligan is one of many organizations including churches, colleges and youth groups that are involved in service projects in the region.

The Crank's Creek Survival Center provides groups with living quarters,

cooking facilities, tools and building materials. Teams provide manpower and their own supplies. They repair and clean houses, work for the Survival Center and serve inhabitants in many other different ways.

"It (Crank's Creek) tries to fulfill their physical and spiritual needs," according to Robinson. "I think it's a great witnessing tool where we can put our faith in action."

According to senior Erin McRae, the service trip has a positive effect on Milligan volunteers.

"It's a really good experience," she said. McRae is a member of the Crank's Creek Planning Committee and has gone on the trip at least once every year since her freshman year. "Everytime I go, I learn something new about the world and myself."



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Christians and politics, do they mix? Three perspectives from letters . . .

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“Why Christians-Who-Vote Should Vote for Nader and Why Christians-Who-Vote Aren’t Christians.” A letter.

To my Christian brothers and sisters, sisters and brothers, whatever you please:

This is a polemic. It is supposed to make you think, and maybe in a way that your parents *don't*. So quiet the voices in your head and listen before you fetch pitchforks and torches and raise a posse to destroy the “monster” in your thoughts.

If you think of yourself as a Christian, and you vote, you will vote for Ralph Nader. Here is why: Ralph is from the Green Party. He stands for things that Christians are concerned about, or at least should be. Like helping people. Oh sure, Gush and Bore are concerned about helping people, but first they have to help the people who paid for their election.

And *then* they can help the other people. But Nader is going to help those other people first. He likes things like “a living wage” (raising the minimum wage to a livable level), and “universal health care,” and people (little people, like you and me) being a higher priority than profit. Nader wants to make the world a kinder place, where we don't kill bad people (or good people), where mommies and daddies will be able to provide for their families without working two and a half jobs. Stick this in your eye, tax-cut fans: Nader actually wants the lower middle class to have more money in the first place.

Of course if you listen to Rush Limbaugh or your parents you've probably either had a good laugh at me and

Ralph or your blood pressure has gone up or both. But keep reading, the best is yet to come.

If you're *actually* a Christian, and don't just like wearing the name, you won't vote at all. You'll realize that deep down, all this political stuff is a lie. You'll understand that your citizenship in the Kingdom of Christ makes pale your piddly citizenship in the Republic for which we stand. You'll understand that your Lord Jesus (note the political tone of this title) doesn't want you to (mis)align yourself with any other lord in any form, whether it's lending a vote, giving some money, or another culturally sanctified mode of idolatry. Because neither Bush nor Gore nor Nader nor even Reverend Buchanan is Jesus Christ (even if He is

their “favorite philosopher”). We might hurt Jesus, feeling it wrong to Him. “Lord, I know you're my lord and you know I love you too, but I regret we need to get things done down here!” I'm going to vote! Because every time a Christian votes, it weakens the Kingdom. Jesus is a real power working in the world today.

Remember this: a polemic letter has been intentionally inflammatory. I hope to prick your conscience, and to begin fruitful conversations about what it means to be the Body of Christ. Have a nice day.

In Christ,
Jason C. Evans

“Why Christians who vote might actually be Christians.” An anti-letter.

Fellow Christians,

If we actually are Christians, we know that we are “chosen” to be eternal residents of Heaven, but we also realize that our current residence lies in this corrupted, cheap imitation version, called Earth. A waiting room if you will. However, we have the responsibility to be lights to the others hanging out down here. They must know that this is only the waiting room and their interests should have the same priorities to us as do our own. (Mk:12:31)

While we are hanging out down here we should be taking care of each other,

both spiritually and physically. That is where government is supposed to come in (physically). Uncle Sam cares for widows and orphans, and gives to the needy on a much bigger scale than Churches do. Would we be able to meet as many demands as are met now if the government was not helping us care for those in need? Maybe politicians do have questionable motives, but that is another matter. We are trying to do good for those who need it, and government programs can be one mean, though certainly not the only. Politics and corruption do go hand in hand, but that is because humans and corruption go hand in hand.

Christian love “hopes all things”. (1Cor:13:7) Christ had hope in our corruption. Don't refuse to vote because you have lost hope in the corruption of politics. Everything in this world is corrupted, but nothing is corrupted beyond hope. Good Christians will make use of what good is still around to help others. We can do that by voting for the right reasons.

So what are the right reasons? Well, voting for a candidate out of allegiance to him or the party is not one. Maybe voting for a candidate who appears to have an honorable track record is a good reason. (The past can be a good predictor of the

future.) Or we could vote for someone that we believe will produce the best results. Voting does not have to be a sign of allegiance to this nation or its leader. Don't vote for that reason. If nothing else, vote out of the hope of what the government can do for the needy.

In Christ,
Jared Gullett

Dear Editors,

Let me begin by saying that I love politics. I always have and probably always will. There is something thrilling and gratifying about our American governmental system. Just this morning I sat down and completed my absentee voter-ballot. I take some measure of pride in that I voted for the person who I think is most qualified to lead our nation. It is the patriotic thing to do.

Such actions, however, should raise questions in our minds. As people of faith, we should continually be questioning how we interact with the American political system. Too often we simply buy into the words politicians speak and accept them as truth. Political parties seek to build strong relationships—rela-

tionships that are often in conflict with our relationship with God and God's Church. I have found myself questioning the motives of anyone who is not affiliated with my political party. Sometimes I wonder if that could be easily reconciled with my faith as a Christian. I am almost positive that it cannot be reconciled.

Complicating the entire issue is my call to serve in Christian ministry. Those who serve God's church, for better or for worse, have a great deal of influence upon the people with whom they serve. Individuals look to ministers for advice and support from ministers.

As one who loves politics and is involved in the current political campaign, I must attempt to be honest and open about my biases. With this comes the realization that some people in the

church are going to accept this as my blessing for the American political system. This is not the case. I do not give my blessing to the American political system. In my opinion, it is a flawed and, in many ways, a corrupt system. As people of faith we must continually question our involvement with those things that seek to separate us from God and from God's church. I think politics may in many ways seek to do just that.

In Christ, God has called the church to be salt and light in the culture—to be in the culture, but not of the culture. There is nothing that more clearly defines our culture than the American political system. Perhaps we, who have been so involved in politics, should reconsider our involvement. Perhaps we should evaluate it in light of God's work

of Creation, Redemption and Sustentation. Christians have never really benefited from being involved in politics and government. It could be argued that one of the worst blunders in Christian history was the merger of Christianity with the Roman government.

As ministers, we need to spend a great deal of time in prayer and contemplation, evaluating our involvement in the political system, remembering the influence that our actions will have in the lives of others.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, let us think long and hard before we render our very lives to Caesar.

Grace and Peace,
Wes Jamison

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Pro-lifers campaign for Godsey and Bush

By Christian McKay

Reporter

Seven members of Milligan Students For Life took a stand in the community Oct. 14, by passing out information supporting Republican Steve Godsey, a pro-life candidate who seeks re-election for Tennessee State Representative.

"I think it's important to support candidates like Godsey and George W. Bush, who are pro-life and to put them into office," said senior Joy Zasadny, who organized the event for Milligan Students For Life. "It's a moral obligation to support those types of candidates."

The group traveled door-to-door handing out information and talking to voters on Saturday in support of Godsey's pro-life message.

"Godsey needed some help with his campaign," Zasadny said. "We went door to door handing out information and just talking to voters."

Godsey also visited a meeting of the

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--Joy Zasadny

Milligan Students For Life, held Wednesday, Oct. 11. He said that he seeks re-election for the position of state representative not because of the salary of only \$16,500 a year, but because he really loves and believes in the job and wants to make Tennessee a little better for his children.

"He was very personable," Milligan Students For Life member Emily Fuller said. "I was impressed with what he stood for. He really seemed like he cared about the job and was doing it for the right reasons."

Godsey serves as a representative for congressional district one, Sullivan County. He served during the 100th and 101st General Assemblies. He works on the conservation, environment and com-

merce committees.

"Godsey sponsored a bill to ban partial birth abortions that was passed and is actually a law now in Tennessee," said Zasadny.

The Tennessee law, Tennessee, TC § 39-15-209, prohibits late-term partial birth abortions. According to a partial birth abortion website, the procedure includes delivering of the fetus breech, puncturing the skull and removing the contents by suction. This does not constitute birth because the fetus' head is not out of the womb.

The other issues Godsey feels strongly about are getting people off welfare, toughening penalties for sex crimes and drunk driving and putting prayer back in schools. He also supports Second

Amendment rights, such as the right to bear arms, and he opposes the state income tax sponsored by Governor Don Sundquist.

According to the Tennessee General Assembly website, Godsey is active in the Chamber of Commerce, Virginia Avenue Baptist Church, the United Way, the March of Dimes and the Board of Directors of Blountville Community Chest.

Outside of the General Assembly, Godsey works at the Exide Corporation. He is married with two children.

Democrat Joe Mike Alcard opposes Godsey for state representative. Godsey calls Alcard a "competent opponent."

Members of Milligan Students For Life plan to continue supporting Godsey and other pro-life candidates. They will be campaigning door-to-door again Oct. 29.

Godsey also said, as a side note and a little piece of advice for future politicians in the State of Tennessee, that from experience, campaigning is more effective when it is not done during University of Tennessee football games.

New student I.D.s update Milligan's technology

By Chad Booth

Reporter

Milligan has a new way to track you down.

When students returned from their fall break, they were informed by the school's administration of a required change. All Milligan students who have not received a new identification card either in the summer sessions or at the start of the fall semester must have a new campus I.D. made.

"The old I.D. was outdated," said Rita Russell, who works in the registrar's office.

According to Russell, the new I.D.s are compatible with the Power Campus software program that Milligan is currently utilizing as its administrative software. The program will automate many functions that had to be performed manually in the past. In addition, pictures will be stored in the program along with the student's information to insure that there is no mistake with the cards.

Many programs on campus rely on the barcodes on the old I.D.s. The cafe-

The old ID was outdated

--Rita Russell

teria, grill and library are all dependant on the barcode information to correctly identify the cardholder and his or her account information.

When the new I.D.s are made, the student's information is automatically inserted into the school's database. If the student loses his or her I.D., a new one can be printed with the same barcode and picture, said Russell.

"The new I.D.s shouldn't affect the old information on the cards," said Tami Pettit, public services librarian.

According to Pettit, the new cards retain the same barcode as the old cards; therefore, there should be no effect on the student's library account unless the barcode was accidentally changed.

In the past, a lost I.D. was a much larger problem that required a new picture and a new barcode. Each database had to switch the information for the old barcode over to the new one.

Robert Raines, the grill manager, says that the new I.D.s have caused some disruption due to the small print and the lack of a barcode scanner in the grill.

"We're supposed to get a new scanning wand soon and that will make things a lot easier," Raines said.

Russell said that as of Nov. 1, the cafeteria will no longer accept old student I.D.s.

Although it has not yet been decided, this will likely apply to both the grill and the library as well. Any student who has not upgraded to a new student I.D. will be unable to perform any transactions with their student account until they have conformed.

The cause of most opposition to the new I.D.s was the registrar's policy to take the old cards away from the owners.

"Many students have expressed the desire to keep their old I.D.s," said Russell.

This was not part of the original plan of the registrar's office due to the complications that old I.D.s could cause. They have compromised, however, after seeing the sentimental value many students attached with their old cards. Now students may keep their old cards after



Tommy Staggs poses for his new ID picture in the registrar's office. Students who missed the assigned time for their new IDs are going this week.

Photo by Mary Fry

the barcodes are removed.

Those students who have not made a new I.D. or wish to get their old I.D. back need to stop by Derthick 105 as soon as possible.

NEWS

Communications department expands film minor

By **Melanie Lorenz**
Reporter

"Lights, Camera, Action!" Milligan College is entering the film business with plans to hire a professor who is experienced in film, in order to expand the film minor.

Bruce Montgomery, sub-area chair of communications, along with Dick Major, chair of area performing arts, presented the ideas to both the communications and fine arts faculty as well as the Academic Dean, Mark Matson. The proposal received a positive response. President Don Jeanes and Matson approved, and a search committee was formed.

The search committee created an advertisement for an assistant professor of communications/film studies. The advertisement is posted on the Milligan website and according to Montgomery, was sent out to education trade magazines.

"We will put a high emphasis on experience in filmmaking or film production, but we will accept someone with experience in screen writing," Montgomery said.

The new professor, who will fill a vacancy left in the communications department last spring by Dr. Alec Wainer, will also be required to have a Ph.D or terminal degree in Mass Communications, Pop Culture or Film, Montgomery said.

"I think it's definitely something this college needs. He'll lend us the knowledge in an area that Milligan is weak in," said senior John Mann, a film minor at Milligan. "We are pretty much ignorant of film on the production side."

According to Major, hiring a professor experienced in film will be a major

element in the expansion of the plan to enlarge the film studies minor, handle existing classes.

"We're looking for someone who could not only teach the theory and criticism side of film, but also someone who might have a flair for film making," Major said.

It is uncertain whether the film minor will be changed into a major or into an emphasis inside the communications major, Montgomery said. But he added that the plan is to turn the film minor into an interdisciplinary degree combining fine arts and communications.

Broadening the degree seems to be a logical step to the professors. In the past, film minors were encouraged to take theater classes, such as Major's fundamentals of directing class. With the broadened communications degree, appropriate classes will be cross-listed under both communications and theater, according to Dr. Montgomery.

New courses will also be created, and some of the old courses will be revamped. A few courses may be team taught by professors outside of the communications staff.

The technical side won't change that much. The department plans to continue to use digital and video equipment and not use actual film.

Major said that the film studies program is being developed further because he has seen a need.

"More and more current and prospective students express and interest in the study of film," he said. "Generally these are young people who are also interested in other fine art areas like art, photography or theater."

"We think this could be a major that brings in a lot of students," Montgomery

said.

According to Rita Russell, who works in the registrar's office, currently there are five students in the two-year-old film minor.

Major and Montgomery credit student enthusiasm to Wainer for convincing them to plan the changes for the film minor.

Last spring, four film studies minors

enrolled in the fundamentals of directing class, directed short movies and presented them at the annual one act festival. The premier night was filled to standing room only and a repeat showing was packed also.

"We saw the enthusiasm at the film festival," said Montgomery. "If I wasn't convinced before, that convinced me."

Sports Briefs

Volleyball team in 2nd

The Lady Buffs volleyball traveled to Clearwater, Florida for a tournament this weekend. They won two games and lost two games due to an injury to setter Heather Lanning. The team has posted a 7-1 conference record to earn a 2nd place ranking in the AAC. They will face University of Virginia-Wise on Thursday and a make-up game against Brevard College on Friday. Both games will be at home before they go on the road to Tusculum College.

Men's Soccer fights on

After the 2-0 loss to Bryan College last Wednesday, the men's varsity soccer team showed their character by bouncing back to win the Lees-McRae Tournament this weekend.

The Buffs defeated Eckerd College of Florida 3-0 on Friday, and Coker College from South Carolina 11-0 on Saturday. Daniel Gacheru scored hat-tricks in both games, while the Buffs received another hat-trick from Ramirez Uliana in Saturday's contest.

They also received two goals from Bryan Dewhurst, while Pedro Figueira,

James Walsh and Dalan Telles all added goals in the romping of the Cobras.

The Buffs have two home games remaining on their regular season schedule Houghton College on Thursday and Southern Wesleyan College on Saturday.

Women's Soccer
defeats Bryan College

The Lady Buffs improved their record to 5-2 in the AAC by defeating the Lions of Bryan College 5-0 last Tuesday.

Sarah Guetzloe scored two goals while Salem Woody, Jillian Schweizer and Jackie Goncalves scored in the rout.

They will face Houghton College at home on Thursday before they meet Lees McRae College for Alumni Weekend on Saturday.



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Moving around Milligan with crutches isn't easy

By Sarah Small
Reporter

I finally did it. It is my third year here at Milligan, and I finally went to Laurel Falls. Since I accidentally left my sneakers at home in Virginia, I wore sandals. I know what you are thinking. That was really stupid. I did not realize that near the bottom of the walk in the woods there is a steep, slippery stairway made out of uneven rocks.

I carefully chose each step, but I had a bad feeling. Suddenly I was flung forward as if pushed from behind. With my arms out in front of me superman style and my feet in the air, I slid down the gray jagged steps. Frantically trying to stop myself, I grabbed at the smooth rocks in vain. My arm was wrenched behind me just as I ran headfirst into my friend Erin Hogshead.

Nervously laughing we struggled to right ourselves.

"Are you OK," Erin asked.

"Yeah, just slipped I guess," I said. I stood up to get my bearings and see if I really was all right. First I saw a gash in my jeans with a matching gash on my knee. I thought I might be able to continue hiking if that was my only injury. Pain suddenly shot through my foot as I put weight on it. *Uh oh, I thought, this is going to be a long hike out.*

After the hour and a half that it took me to get back to the car I was sure my foot was sprained. When I woke up the next morning and I could not put any pressure on it I was not so sure; I went to Sycamore Shoals Hospital in Elizabethton. The doctor came back with the X-rays in his hand.

"Yup we got a crack there," deadpanned Dr. Vance Shaw. A matter-of-fact declaration that was hardly worth the two hours I waited for the results. At that point I was thinking, I can deal with this. After all, I broke both my arms at once in elementary school. How naïve I was. Even breaking both arms at one time was

nothing compared to the annoyance of breaking a foot. Well, at least breaking a foot while attending Milligan College.

At first things were not bad. I took my pain pills, and suddenly I was in such a good mood that I painted my crutches. Unfortunately, last year I chose to live all the way at the end of long hall on the third floor of Hart. Before I broke my foot I did not mind walking so far. But now that's a long walk as I hobble on crutches with a book bag full of books.

I did not, however, choose to have class three days a week in buildings with stairs. To get into my class in the second floor of the library, I have to go down the stairs to the Library and then up the stairs to my class. The Paxson Communications Building is the only building that I do not have to struggle up and down stairs in—unless I have to go to the bathroom.

Milligan compensates for its lack of handicap access by allowing students with handicaps to drive to class. Amanda Diefendorf, a sophomore at Milligan, broke her right foot, so she cannot drive anywhere.

Diefendorf said, "It is really hard to get around because I always have to depend on other people to take me places. I can't drive to class, so it is a real struggle for me to get to my classes." Too bad we can't drive up the stairs. Maybe that would get some attention. My little Honda Civic plowing up the stairs to Hyder (which actually has an elevator if a person is lucky enough to have a key). My problem of getting to my room is also not solved by the temporary parking sticker. Derthick and Hardin do have elevators that students can use. I just do not have any classes there.

Many students are on crutches or otherwise injured this semester. "This is a very odd semester because of all of the injuries," said Cary Targett, athletic trainer at Milligan. "There have been at least 20 injuries in soccer alone. Some students that are not even athletes have also been injured. I have talked to the coaches, and there is no real pattern in the injuries. Freak accidents have afflicted our students this semester for some reason."

I knew that Milligan was not very handicap accessible, but the full ramifications of that were not clear to me until I was literally put into the orthopedic shoe of a handicap person. I know that my crutches are still better than being in a wheelchair though.

Students who are permanently handicapped do not have many options at Milligan. In the entire time that Milligan has been a school, there has only been one student enrolled who was wheelchair bound. Louis Anderson is a senior at Milligan who was permanently injured prior to becoming a Milligan student.

"Just to use the library I have to go to the back door at the bottom where they get deliveries, and I ring a bell," explained Anderson. "Someone then has to come down two flights of stairs to find out what I want. They have to go back up the stairs and get it and bring it back down to me. Because of that I have only used the library twice except for one semester when I had to watch a video that was on reserve every week. I had to go through that whole process to get the video then I had to find a TV and VCR on campus that were not being used and watch the video. Because of when other students were watching the video I sometimes had to watch it a week before the quiz on it which did not help me retain the information."

According to the code of federal regulations on reasonable accommodation, Tennessee laws require that, "an agency shall make reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of a qualified applicant or employee unless the agency can demonstrate that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of its program." When asked what he thought about the responsibility of the school to make buildings accessible Anderson said, "If we were a state institution we would have to make the buildings handicap accessible, but we are a Christian institution and that should be a higher calling."

"We have to continually strive to stay sensitive and be supportive of our students that have disabilities," said Mark Fox, vice president of student development. "The topography and loca-



Junior Sarah Small rarely uses her crutches now.

tion of the school make it difficult to have handicap accessibility everywhere."

Money for improvements has to come from the tuition of students or donations. Because funds come from tuition and donations, they are limited, and installing elevators and handicap accessible bathrooms is expensive. The installation of an elevator can cost \$40,000 or more.

"The priority now is that all new and renovated structures meet Americans with Disabilities Act, specifications," said Fox. "We are also looking at making high traffic buildings accessible."

Students and faculty here need be commended because, in my experience, people have gone out of their way numerous times to open doors and help in any way that they could. According to Anderson, the faculty and administrators have always been very helpful and willing to attempt to find a solution for making the campus more accessible to him. The ramp in the back of the Science building and the handicap access to Derthick were put in to help Anderson get to his classes.

It has been almost a month since the beginning of my adventure on crutches. I have learned a lot from being on the other side of the issue of handicap accessibility. Hopefully I will keep my new outlook on life even long after my foot has healed.

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VIEWS

Krishana's view from Colorado at Focus on the Family



I opened the Milligan Magazine this past week (since Will Rogers, a Milligan alum, had a copy), and I got really excited to see a picture I took on the Arizona Mission trip last spring. Then, I saw my byline and if I am not mistaken the graduation year beside my name was '00. I guess people are wondering what happened to me and thought, "oh, I guess she already graduated."

No, I have not escaped the Milligan community completely. I am spending this semester in Colorado Springs at the Focus on the Family Institute. I am taking four classes, which include discus-

sions on Christian worldview, self-worth, what it means to live a Christian life, relationships, what it means to be a leader and so much more. In these classes we are constantly taking big bites. I am chewing so much that my jaw hurts and my heart is definitely getting a workout as it is being stretched in major ways. Good ways.

In addition to attending class four days a week, I am involved in an internship with Brio (a magazine for teen girls), I work four hours a week at the Ronald McDonald House here in the Springs, attend an accountability group with seven other students and find time to read and read and read. This is not a "vacation" semester, but a growing semester.

What does it mean to grow?

Well, for me growing includes seeing myself as God sees me.

The first day I stepped foot in my accountability group I had no idea what I

was going to experience. Sheryl Dewitt, professor of Family Studies and our group leader, looked at each of the eight women sitting around the table and began to explain how the group would work. Each week we have to look each other in the eyes and say at least three things about ourselves that we love and they can't at all be related to performance. Ugh! That was a struggle. Self-worth is so important. It is so selfish for us to go through each day without thanking him for who he made us to be.

Growing also includes vulnerability.

Being in the middle of this type of experience your heart definitely has to be softened. We are constantly talking about what we are experiencing and feeling. The common question around my apartment is "how is your heart?" It is amazing what kind of answers you will receive if you ask people that question. We need to constantly be vulnerable and moldable to what God wants to teach us

on a daily basis and how he might use us to edify and support one another.

Finally, growing includes experience.

Wow, what an experience I have already had in just the short time I have been here. I have been camping, hiking, twirled on a mountain, interviewed Jaci Velasquez and Ginny Owens, had long talks with roommates, gone go-carting with the Brio staff and experienced being in God's will in a way I never have before. Growing doesn't include these specific experiences, but the experiences and opportunities God blesses us with every day. It blows my mind how God would take me and place me here at this time in my life and how this experience will mold who I am from here on out.

I will be back soon... January precisely. But I won't come back the same.

(And if you miss me that much check out the Brio webpage: www.briomag.com)

Why is worship in chapel different this year? Here are the answers to your questions . . .

Misty Fry, our Student Life Editor talked with Nathan Flora, the Milligan campus minister

Stampede: Why did the committee decide to change chapel this year?

Flora: Part of it was to encourage new types of worship experiences that the students might not be having, to incorporate the talents and gifts of all students, faculty, and staff and all their traditions. We have more than just Christian Church people coming to Milligan now, Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Catholics and all sorts of people. It is valuable to incorporate them and their traditions and styles as well.

S: What made you decide to go the new format of prayer and the reciting of the Lord's Prayer?

F: We decided that chapel is a worship service for our Christian community. One of our goals is to meet the pastoral needs of the students, to present those to God together and establish the relationship that I am a pastor to them as well, while they are here.

S: What is your rationale for having

themes in chapel?

F: We feel that themes, adding consistency and movement will take us somewhere in our worship, teach us, move us and provides consistency in the service.

S: And the Lord's Prayer?

F: It is a comprehensive statement of the kingdom of God and how we should pray and how we should act, and the other thing is, I think that in the midst of all the struggles that we face it provides us with a sense of stability, it calls us back to a true purpose in the face of anything we encounter.

S: Why do we have more responsive readings this year?

F: We tried to mix up the way we have done it, and I think we have done a lot of variations of it. One is to train students to know that there are different ways of worship and that worship is a communal event. You can do things in solitude but it is something you can do in the community as well.

S: Do you think that chapel has a

more liturgical feel this year? More of a formal feeling?

F: Yes, it is more organized; it is more formal in that there is a structure. It takes about three weeks to plan each service. One week is bible study, the next planning and the final week is rehearsal. There is more structure, but I am happy that we don't have a set structure.

S: How much say do the students have in regards to planning what happens in chapel?

F: Quite a bit. The worship leader has the main responsibility for planning the service. The committee itself has only met once this semester, just to evaluate what is going on. The worship leader is responsible for inviting whomever the participants are. We have had no more than three faculty or staff and about five students, on the average, who are in charge of planning. So, students have equal if not more say, and I think that all those that participate would agree

S: What are your goals, as for making everyone happy?

F: That's a tough job; you can't make everyone happy all the time. I just want to let everyone's worship styles be exhibited and invite all people to participate. I hope, despite having a structure, that it has been evident that each chapel service has been different. Our worship should reflect the views of the congregation, the lives, and the people and the worship experiences from which they come.

M: Do you think that the Milligan Community has liked chapel thus far?

N: I appreciate those that do give me good criticism and I might not hear a lot of what is being said, which is a good thing. I am not above reproach. I do think that faculty and staff and students as a whole are looking forward to it and are positively receptive to it.

S: Any final comments?

F: I do invite people to talk to me about whatever is on their mind.




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Walker honored for 50 years of service

By **Christan McKay**
Reporter

Alumni, faculty and friends honored Duard Walker Saturday for his 50 years of service and inspiration.

The luncheon, held in the McCormick Dining Center at Sutton Hall, featured a dinner and words from several alumni, including Sonny Smith, former Auburn University basketball coach, Gary Walker, Walker's son and President Don Jeanes.

Smith said that he carried the lessons he learned from Walker as he coached all around the country.

"I couldn't have had a better coach, and I couldn't have come to a man who helped me more to get somewhere," Smith said.

Walker's son also discussed the impact that his father has made on his life, and how he has tried to apply the same values to his own children and to his coaching career.

"All my life I've had a hero," Walker's son said. "That's been my father. To me, when you talk about Milligan, you're talking about my dad and the influence of a coach, a teacher and a good Christian man. I want to be like him, but I could never fill his shoes."

President Jeanes also thanked Walker for the influence he's had on his



Duard Walker shows off his gift from Milligan, a buffalo statue, last Saturday at the luncheon in Walker's honor.

Photo by Jason Harville

life and professional career by giving him his first job at Milligan as a residence hall assistant.

"All of us who have been here during the tenure of Duard Walker have stories to tell," Jeanes said. "He gave me my first Milligan job when I had on money, no job and no place to live. If it wasn't for him I probably wouldn't be standing up here today."

Jeanes also announced the Duard Walker scholarship program made possible by the gifts of two alumni. The program begins with \$6000 and the hope is that it will become an endowed scholar-

ship to honor Coach Walker's contribution to Milligan.

President Jeanes presented Walker with a special buffalo statue on behalf of alumni and friends. A memory book with a collection of quotes, letters and e-mails congratulating Walker was also given to him.

For Walker, the best part of the luncheon was the friends gathered together.

"I appreciate so much that you folks came," Walker said. "That meant more to me than anything else ...even the buffalo!"

Walker has also received recognition outside of Milligan. The Appalachian Athletic Conference honored Walker this spring by creating the Duard Walker Sportsmanship Award. This award will be given to athletes in men's tennis and is in recognition to Walker's service in the area.

He presently serves as athletics director, men's tennis coach, resident director of Webb Hall and is a professor of human performance and exercise science. After 50 years of service, Walker officially announced his retirement Tuesday Oct. 24. The retirement will become effective in May.

Walker came to Milligan as a student in 1942. He earned varsity letters in football, basketball, baseball, track and tennis. He also served as part of the Navy V-12 program at Milligan and later served in the battles Iwo Jima and Okinawa. After an honorable discharge in 1946, Walker returned to Milligan and completed his bachelor's degree in 1948.

Walker became a staff member at Milligan in 1951. He coached baseball, basketball, cross-country, track and field and tennis. His many honors include seven consecutive Volunteer State Athletic Conference titles in cross-country. Walker and his wife, Carolyn, have served as resident directors of Pardee Hall and Webb Hall. They also have five children who are all Milligan alumni.

Fox family travels to southwestern India

By **Natalie Neysa Alund**
Managing Editor

This past Monday, while packing his suitcase for India, Dean of Students Mark Fox thought about monkey brains.

"I'm anxious about adjusting to the food," Fox said.

Yesterday afternoon, Fox and his family took their seats on a jet at the Tricities airport, embarking on a 48-hour trip to Cochin, India.

For five weeks, Fox, his wife and their two children will reside in Cochin and live among the 550,000 residents that inhabit this large city located in southwest India.

While in India, the family will visit with a friend and church planter named Abraham Thomas, a Christian native of Cochin.

"We're not sure exactly why we are going, we just feel God has called us," Fox said about his trip two days before

departure.

Besides their visit with Thomas, the Fox's will be doing evangelistic work with a church where Thomas is active. The church consists of new Christians who have recently converted from Hinduism to Christianity.

According to Fox, his family met Thomas through their local congregation at Boones Creek Christian Church in Gray, Tenn.

While in the United States, Thomas was educated at Cincinnati Bible College and met the Fox's while enrolled in an intercession class at Emmanuel School of Religion. Thomas also spent a great deal of time in the Fox's home while in Tennessee.

Over the past year and a half Fox and his wife have contemplated whether or not to make the trip across seas.

The final decision came this past January when Thomas was taking an intercession class at Emmanuel.

"At first my wife thought the idea was crazy," Fox said. "I remember she said, 'How will you get off work, and what about the kids and their schooling?'"

Finally Fox told his wife that if Thomas did not talk to them about them traveling to India he would let it go. But if he did bring it up, they would pursue the calling.

Sure enough, within the next week, during a lunch date between Fox, his wife and Thomas, their question was answered. The Fox's took Thomas to lunch and within five minutes of the meal, he told them he needed them to come to India to see the Lord's work.

Hence, Fox and his wife decided to go with their instincts and have spent the past 10 months in preparation for their trip to India.

Within the past school year, Fox and his wife have home schooled their two children Ben, 14, and Meredith, 11, so

that they not miss any school during their time abroad.

Fox's absence will consist of saved vacation time from his full-time job at Milligan.

Members of Milligan's cabinet, including President Donald Jeanes and Michael Johnson, vice president for enrollment management, will take over his duties until he returns from his mission trip.

Fox and his wife lived in Saudi Arabia previously. While there, Fox worked as a hospital administrator and his wife worked as a lab technician. According to Fox, working in Saudi Arabia gave them experience working with Indian people.

"God has blessed our family," Fox said. "It's amazing how the different experiences we have encountered have prepared us for something else down the road. We feel this one may prepare us for something else."

NEWS

Milligan students and faculty give of their blood

By Nathaniel Poling
Reporter

Approximately 100 students and faculty participated in the blood drive last Tuesday and Wednesday, which was well received by the Milligan community, according to Nevan Hooker, president of the Student Government Association.

"I'm very pleased with the way students and faculty decided to give blood," he said. "It was a very successful blood drive." Because of the success, Hooker said that SGA is planning on sponsoring another drive during the spring semester that he hopes will be even "bigger and better."

Students and faculty donated blood in the Marsh Regional Blood Center, a mobile blood donor unit that was parked in front of Hart Hall. The Marsh Regional Blood Center and two other mobile units supply 13 hospitals in southeast Virginia and east Tennessee. All three are affiliated with Wellmont Health System and visit college campuses, businesses and high schools as community outreaches to raise blood.

Sophomore Jason Reed said that he

gave blood because he wanted to help.

"In 15 minutes you can help someone out and maybe save a life," he said.

According to Wellmont Online, donated blood is used to treat cancer patients, accident victims, organ recipients, leukemia victims and routine surgery patients.

Because of its importance in treating patients, donated blood is in great demand among hospitals.

"Blood centers are extremely territorial," Phlebotomist Rachel Kelley said. A phlebotomist is a medical worker who can draw blood, but not administer blood.

The shortage of blood could be critical in the near future, according to Wellmont's website.

"In the United States, every three seconds someone needs blood. Studies show that while the demand for blood is increasing, the number of blood donations nationwide is decreasing. Recent projections reveal that demand could outstrip supply in 2000 if donations do not rise," the site says.

Not all potential donors who want to can successfully donate blood. The American Red Cross says that a person

must be healthy, at least 17 years old and weigh more than 110 pounds to be eligible to donate. Eligible donors can donate a unit of blood once every eight weeks. One unit is equal to one pint of blood.

For medical safety reasons, blood banks must reject prospective donors if they have AIDS, have suffered from any strain of hepatitis after the age of 11 or are currently sick.



Freshman Holly Apted gives blood with a smile in the Wellmont Blood Drive Van.

Photo by Robin Hamlin

Milligan alumnus honored for life's work

By Chad Booth
Reporter

Dr. Keith Schoville, a 1956 graduate of Milligan, was honored Friday, Oct. 27 by the college with the award of Distinguished Alumnus for 2000.

According to the Public Relations Office the award is given, "in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in academia and his commitment to a life of Christian faith and works."

Schoville finished his graduate work at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and was offered a job soon after by the institution. He accepted the offer feeling that he would have a greater impact serving Christ in the secular setting.

From 1968 until 1995 he served as the professor of Hebrew and Semitic studies for UW-Madison, while raising five children with his wife.

"I was taken aback when I got the phone call that said I was going to be so honored," Schoville said. "I felt humbled."

Schoville went on to express that he felt that it was a great honor to be recognized by his alma mater. More than once he stressed that he was certain that there were many who were more deserving of the award.

I was taken aback when I got the phone call that said I was going to be so honored.

--Keith Schoville

"I don't know why they would have chosen me," he said.

According to Theresa Garbe, director of alumni relations, a committee composed of faculty, administrators and alumni decides upon the award. Nominations for the award may be submitted by any faculty member, administrator or alumnus but the honoree is voted by decision of the select committee members.

Schoville was not the typical Milligan student by any means. During his time at the college he played many roles all at once. He was married and lived off campus with his wife and their 5-year-old son. Also, he was attending school full time and working to support the family.

The hectic lifestyle he grew accustomed to at Milligan carried over into his work for UW-Madison. During that 27-year stretch he was often called upon to lecture at other colleges and churches.

Schoville considered a high point in his career to be a traveling lecture on the history of the alphabet, which was sponsored through a grant by the National

Endowment for Humanities. This afforded him the opportunity to travel the United States with the exhibit and lecture in several different major cities.

In addition to lectures, Schoville had the unique experience of working on excavation teams at historical archaeological sites in and around Israel. One such expedition took him to Tel-Dan, Israel where he worked with the internationally known archaeologist Avriham Biran.

Tel-Dan, he explained, is the area where the tribe of Dan migrated during Biblical times and is at the base of Mt. Herman. The excavation of that area has provided critical information to understanding the Canaanite culture of that period in history.

Milligan also recognized fellow 1956 graduate and fellow educator, Hope Marston with an award on Oct. 27. Schoville related that it was encouraging to see educators receive recognition for the years of service they provide; however, he was quick to stress that recognition was not why someone should become an educator.

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SPORTS

Bufs suffer loss to King, seniors honored at last home game

By Phil Brown
Sports Editor

Senior night was not all it was cracked up to be for the volleyball team as they fell this past Tuesday to number-one-conference-ranked King College. The Bufs only two losses in the conference came to the Lady Tornadoes.

"We can beat them," said Head Coach Debbie Cutshall. "We just weren't in it mentally tonight."

The Lady Bufs suffered their first loss at home this season to conference

rival King College, Tuesday night, despite great play by Christina Medlin, Molly Stacks and Wendy Weaver.

Weaver had 14 digs and a block to go with Medlin's 10 kills as the Lady Bufs lost in 3 games to the Lady Tornadoes. They lost the first two games by scores of 15-7 and came up short in the third game by a narrow score of 15-11.

They finish the regular season ranked second in the conference with a 10-2 record and an 18-12 record overall.

However, the season is not totally

finished for them; they still have the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament on Nov. 10 and 11 where anything can happen.

The loss was hard to swallow for the Lady Bufs only two seniors Cassie Denton and Molly Stacks who were honored prior to the game by Cutshall. Both Stacks and Denton said they would of liked to finish their last Milligan home game with a win, but they said they are happy with their season thus far.

"Overall we have had a great season, finishing second in the conference and only losing 1 game at home," Denton said. "Unfortunately, it had to be on senior night."

Denton gave the Lady Bufs 7 kills in her final home match, as Molly stacks posted 23 assists in the loss.

Stacks mimicked Denton's response, "We've had a great year. I have really enjoyed playing with these girls, and I think they will do well next year." Both Denton and Stacks played for Milligan for all four years that they have attended.



Denton (8) spikes the ball over to the Tornadoes.

Photo by JASON MANNIE



Senior Cassie Denton.



Senior Molly Stacks.

ALUMNI PICS



Above- Pat Magness, professor of humanities and english, takes a ride down the slide set up for alumni weekend festivities.

Right below- A group of alumni and students playing football Saturday morning.

Right above- Alumni Tim Woods and Pedro Figueira hustle for the ball during the alumni/ JV men's soccer game Saturday.

Photos by Jason mannie

VIEWS

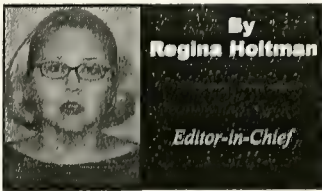
Why I voted for Bush . . .

Bush and Gore both want to strengthen the education system, cut taxes and reform Social Security, Medicare and healthcare. No one disputes that changes need to be made. Therefore, I hear many people conclude that there is no fundamental difference in the candidates. But there is a difference, Bush wants small government, Gore wants big government. Bush trusts people, Gore wants to control our lives. My vote lies with a small-government approach.

Take for example, Bush's plan for Social Security. He wants to allow people to handle their own money, as they would have the option of investing a portion of their Social Security money wisely. It makes more economic sense, because people can get a higher rate of return with private investments.

I feel confident in voting for Bush because of his record in Texas. Under his administration, the two largest tax cuts in Texas history were passed, and at the same time Texas became known for its strong public education system. Under the Clinton/Gore administration, more money has been spent per pupil in the education system, but reading performance levels are on the decline. Bush wants to stop throwing money at the education system, and start making educators accountable through mandatory annual testing.

I could write on about nearly every issue that Bush and Gore have an opinion about, and with almost every issue, I could tell you why I agree with Bush. However, I am voting for Bush in spite of his opinion on capitol punishment. But I would rather vote for Bush, who is going to support legislation to end the lives of a



By
Regina Holtman
Editor-in-Chief

few guilty criminals, than Gore, who supports ending the lives of thousands of innocent babies. I see capitol punishment as the lesser of two evils. And I can't think of any reason why I, as a Christian and a human being, could support a candidate who thinks that sticking scissors into the neck of a partially born-baby is the right of women.

In light of the last eight years of lies and scandal in the White House, I think we need a president who is not an embarrassment and who shows character. From his lies about Buddhist fund raising to his exaggerations about his role in the Vietnam War, Gore has proved to me that he cannot be trusted. Some call these technicalities. But it's the little things that make up character, and it's the little things that I like about Bush. I like how he followed the guidelines of the debates, deciding that he was not above the rules. I like how Bush handled himself under pressure, not acting arrogant but taking a humble approach. I think the debates showed us how our potential presidents deal with people of different opinions. These little things are significant, because when it comes down to the day-to-day decisions of the presidency, character matters.

When Tuesday night comes, I'm going to be watching CNN as results are announced state-by-state, hoping and praying that my fellow Americans have chosen George W. Bush to be the next president. He has the leadership skills and character to make the next four years better than the last eight.

Why I voted for Gore . . .

I am a Democrat and I voted for Al Gore.

Do not misjudge me. When I cast my vote via absentee ballot, I did not cast it simply for the candidate of my political party. I cast my vote for the candidate who I believe is best suited to lead this nation. I cast my vote for Vice President Albert Gore, Jr.

I am sure that most people on this campus are just dying to know how one can consider oneself a Christian and vote for a Democrat. The answer is simple.

I agree with many of the ideas of the party platform, and I believe that Al Gore shares these ideas. I support allotting more money for education. I think we owe children a descent education. I am deeply concerned about Social Security. I think that we have a duty to care for the elderly in our society. They deserve some security of mind. They should not have to worry about paying for their next meal or prescription. I strongly support stricter gun control laws. We have no need to carry any kind of semi-automatic or automatic weapon. I do not see any reason for an individual to own a gun (unless, perhaps, for hunting).

One of my major reasons for supporting the Democratic Party, and in particular, Al Gore, is based upon a concern to see every American citizen provided with health insurance. It is deplorable that we live in such a wealthy nation while many go without health care simply because they cannot afford to pay for



By
Wes Jamison
Guest Columnist

it. If we can afford to spend billions of dollars each year on weapons, then certainly we could spend a few billion on health care for our own citizens.

What about abortion? Many members of the Milligan community simply cannot understand why a person would support a political party that would take a pro-choice stance. (NOTE: I did not say pro-abortion.) I support the Democratic Party because I am about more than abortion. As a person of faith, I do care about this issue. There are many alternatives to abortion, and I strongly support them. I do not however, feel that I can vote to take away the right of a woman to protect her life. I think a decision concerning abortion has to be a personal decision for the woman in consultation with her husband and her religious leaders. I am a man. I do not, and cannot understand the pain of such a decision, but I can support candidates who will ensure that it remains a decision in cases of rape, incest and when the life of the mother is in danger.

Yes, I am a Democrat and yes, I voted for Al Gore. I do not agree with the party or the candidate on every issue. I do, however, think that I made the best decision that I could when I cast my ballot.

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Bush wins at Milligan in mock election

By **Melanie Lorenz**
Reporter

Despite the common complaint of being "cut off from the rest of the world," the 2000 Presidential election affects the entire Milligan community and last Thursday staff and students had an opportunity to express their views in Milligan's first ever mock election.

More than 200 students and faculty participated in the voting, which took in Sutton Lobby and was sponsored by the SGA and the Stampede. George W. Bush led by a huge 80 points against Al Gore in the student portion of the election. Out of 200 students polled, 88 percent voted for Bush, 8 percent voted for Gore, and 4 percent voted for Green Party Candidate Ralph Nader, according to results released by SGA president Nevan Hooker.

A separate faculty ballot revealed that faculty support was more varied. Fifty-five percent of the faculty voted for Bush, 36 per-

cent voted for Gore, and 9 percent voted for Nader, among the 50 ballots handed in.

Milligan's results sharply contrast national polls. Nationwide, Bush is leading the polls at 48 percent, Gore is ranked with 41 percent and Nader has carved out a 4 percent niche, according to a poll Rasmussen Research's web page, Portrait of America.

Hooker and Marc Marshall handed out all 250 ballots at lunch and received a visit from Channel 11 News.

"It's exciting to see student get involved in voting. I'm interested in seeing how we match up to the national results," Nevan Hooker

said.

Although the mock election was well attended, 26 percent of the students said they will not be voting in the real election. Forty-seven percent of students said they would vote absentee, and the remaining 27 percent said they will be at the polls on election day.

"We are blessed to live in a land where we have the freedom to choose our leaders, junior Monica Poparad said. "So many people think that their one vote doesn't count, but if all those people actually voted it could make a huge difference."

Some students are not voting because they are not registered or

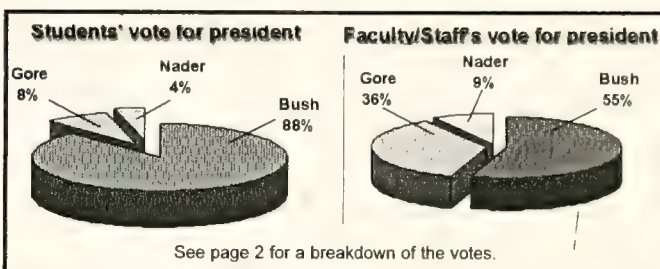
they forgot to go through the paperwork to vote absentee.

"I want to vote, but I'm not registered yet," freshman Isaac Jensen said.

The faculty-voting rate was higher. Only 10 percent will vote absentee, 85 percent will vote on election day, and 5 percent will not vote at all.

Recycling on campus was another issue covered on the ballot. Most students and faculty supported a recycling program. Seventy-seven percent of students said they would opt to recycle in their rooms, 15 percent would volunteer time to recycle, and 8 percent were not interested. Among faculty, 75 percent opted for personal recycling in rooms, 10 percent agreed to volunteer time on campus for recycling and 5 percent said they were not interested.

"Recycling is awesome," senior Tara Downey said. "I would recycle in my room and even volunteer my time."



Bufs defeat Brevard, advance to regionals

By **Nathan Moulder**
Reporter

With the game knotted at two the Lady Bufs lost to Brevard College in their match with the referees. The referees missed some crucial calls for the women and made an important call against them; a call that would cost them the game on a penalty kick. This was the way the women's varsity lost their regular season game to Brevard, so vengeance was the motivator in the conference semi-final.

"We won this game because we were the better team on that day," said defensive player Casey Lawhon. "The regular season loss against Brevard should not have happened."

The Lady Bufs earned a spot in the regional tournament Friday night, by defeating Brevard College 3-2 avenging a regular season loss to the Lady

Tornadoes.

Sarah Guetzloe struck first for the Lady Bufs midway through the first half of the game. Brevard almost answered back when goalkeeper Abby Armstrong was unable to grab a loose ball. However, Salem Woody was able to out run the Brevard forwards and come between them and an open net, saving a potentially unearned goal.

Senior striker Jillian Schweizer scored Milligan's second goal only seven minutes into the second half of the game, to give them a 2-0 lead.

In the middle of the second half, a well-placed throw-in was crossed into the Milligan box and knocked in by Jamie Welch of Brevard, which cut the deficit to 2-1.

Heather Eckman placed an indirect free kick into the box, allowing striker Jessica Griffith to score the eventual game-winning goal.

Brevard flicked the last goal of the game in off of a corner kick to make the final score 3-2 in favor of the Lady Bufs.

The win against Brevard earned them the right to play for the Appalachian Athletic Conference championship against Virginia Inter mont. The first-year Lady Cobras came out on top by a 4-3 score. The Lady Bufs received goals from Jackie Goncalves, Ericka dePaula and Bianca Spoto in the loss, but proved they are more than able to play with Virginia Inter mont.

"We will have another chance against VI in the regional tournament semifinals to make up for this loss," said junior defender Elizabeth Cirillo.

The Lady Bufs are now 0-2 against the Virginia Inter mont squad and determined not to let it be 0-3.

Senior co-captain Nicole Jamison, stated sharply, "No team loses to the same team three times in a season."



Jillian Schweizer makes a run for the ball in the game against Brevard.

Photo by Jason Harville

NEWS

Anthony and Blosser display their art

By Christian McKay

Reporter

Alice Anthony, assistant professor of the practice of art, and Nick Blosser, assistant professor of art at Milligan, opened their joint show, Recent Works: Painting and Photography, at the Johnson City Arts Council Friday, Nov. 3.

The show opened with a reception on Friday night and will run until Dec. 1. It features works from Anthony's five-year study of Graceland and Elvis fans as well as Blosser's nature pieces of egg tempera on wood. Local artist, Andrew Moore, has also added some abstract work to the show.

Blosser, whose art exhibits throughout the country, chose to include in this show scenes from his home as well as local spots of interest such as the Appalachian Trail. The paintings sell from \$2500 to \$4000.

"Rather than gathering scenes from picturesque places, I tend to be drawn to unassuming or often ignored places on the roadside or in and around my yard," Blosser said. "In my studio I work to try to transform my sketches into something that is as much about emotion, state of mind or memory as it is about a particular place."

Blosser said he tends to think of his paintings not in the traditional sense of landscapes, but as a way of opening up a more spiritual side of life.

"I think my work does not fit comfortably in the standard landscape-painting genre. I tend to think of nature paint-



Anthony (left) and Blosser (right) have both been teaching at Milligan for 10 years.

Photos by Jason Harville

ings as a way of uncovering something that might link the everyday with the timeless or spiritual side of life," Blosser said.

Anthony, a graduate of East Tennessee State University and former Memphis resident, uses the show to showcase color photography of Elvis fans at the Graceland estate. Anthony said that she has spent the past five years getting to know and photographing the people who come to pay their respects to Elvis every year.

"I have never really understood why so many people of all ages keep coming to Graceland every year," Anthony said. "The crowds keep growing even though Elvis has been gone for over 20 years. They're really serious."

Her photos featured every type of fan, from the female Elvis impersonators

from Canada, to young people, to a woman who returns each year with a new tattoo.

Anthony's Elvis photographs also graced the walls of the Barter Theater, in Abingdon, Virginia this fall during their theatrical tribute to Elvis, *Idols of the King*.

"I really liked the calm and reflective mood of the paintings contrasted with the really high energy, colorful Elvis-fan photos," said sophomore fine arts major Kari Kitts who attended the opening.

The exhibit can be viewed at the Johnson City Arts Council Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm. Additional information is available by calling Johnson City Area Arts Council at (423) 928-8229 or on the Internet at www.arts.org.

Work study department undergoes changes

By Travis Mitchum

Reporter

The work-study budget at Milligan College was decreased by \$15,000 this year.

"We have 322 students on the payroll," said Linda Lawson, head of payroll in the work-study program. "The federal government pays for one-third of the students and Milligan does the rest."

Lawson said the payroll department estimates how many students will be working and then establish a work-study budget. Due to last year's over budgeting, Milligan budgeted less for work-study this term.

Several reasons contribute to a lower budget. Some students do not work all of the hours awarded to them and some supervisors do not have enough work to give the students. A third reason for lower budgeting is the fact that the academic schedule is tough on the students. Many students are in class for most of the day and cannot get to the jobs on time.

Kristin Kerkvliet who has work-study with Julie Ray, director of campus life, said, "My schedule is just so busy. I just don't have time to work all of the

hours."

Another factor that may cause lower budgeting is the future of minimum wage. Lawson said that if the minimum wage increases then we would have to reduce the amount of work-study students. The upcoming election is a key to what happens next year.

The work-study department has also installed new time clocks for this year. Lawson said, "We began to install the clocks last year but we are just now starting to reap the benefits." Lawson who is solely in charge of payroll said that the clocks make writing the checks more efficient.

"I like the clock because you can

just punch in the number," Kerkvliet said. "It saves me time because I do not have to write down how many hours I have to work."

The time clocks were installed to eventually replace the time sheets, which are handwritten. The timesheets have to be looked over and it is time consuming when a person has to look over some 300 of them in order to pay everyone.

"We have about two-thirds of the work study students on the clock and about 100 students on the time sheet," Lawson said. "The timesheets have gone down from 300 last year to 100 this year, which makes paying the students a lot easier."



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NEWS

Lorenz and Starr will run at AAC nationals

By David Nydegger
Reporter

Sophomore Ryan Starr and sophomore Melanie Lorenz advanced to nationals this weekend at the Appalachian Athletic Conference Cross Country Championship at the National Guard Armory in Gray on Saturday. The two ranked the highest among the Buffs, who finished third in both the women and men's competitions.

Starr finished fifth overall in the men's race with a time of 28:38 for the 8,000-meter course. He was the first finisher not from the Brevard team, who won the race. The winning team and the top two finalists not from the winning team move on to nationals.

Lorenz finished fifth overall in the women's race with a time of 20:59 for the 5,000-meter course. She finished behind three runners from Brevard and one from Covenant to grab the last spot for nationals.

Shane Oakleaf, a freshman, was beat by a runner from Covenant missing a trip to nationals by only 15 seconds and finishing seventh overall.

The NAIA Championships will be November 18 in Kenosha, WI.

"I am excited to see what I can do on the national course this year," Starr said.

The Milligan teams needed to finish first in order to advance, but Brevard College and Covenant College placed first and second, respectively, in both the women and men's races.

The course that the teams ran Saturday had never been run before, and the course catered to the fans. People standing near the start and finish lines could see much of the race with little moving. Some cross-country courses follow trails into the woods and fans have a hard time finding a good place to cheer on their team.

Bethany Haynes, a junior who has been on the cross-country team since it was created two years ago, said that hav-



Melanie Lorenz (left) stays ahead of one of her opponents in the race on Saturday.

Photo by Jason Harrison

ing people there definitely made running the 3.1-mile women's course a lot easier.

"It's a good spectator course, one of the best around, and we had good fan support. Next year, we plan to have an invitational so our fans can come out and see us," Layne said.

While the course is good for fans, it is very difficult for runners. After starting off on a slight downhill, the course winds up, down and around some small hills. The home stretch is an uphill straightaway.

"The course is very challenging, and the times reflected it," Layne said.

Haynes said he was glad that the team was able to practice some on the course before the conference champi-

onship Saturday. They practiced the course about four times prior to the meet. They ran it as if in a race and did time drills on it, which made the course seem easier, according to Layne.

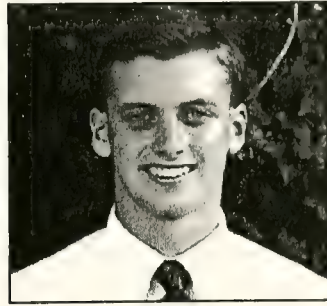
"We had the home field advantage, and it made us more comfortable," said Coach Chris Layne.

While Starr and Lorenz move on to nationals in two weeks, the meet was the last of the year for the rest of the team, and the coaches are already looking ahead to next season.

Layne said, "We're really excited for next year. We're losing only one guy off our team, and we've just begun recruiting throughout the entire country."



Melanie Lorenz.



Ryan Starr.

Class on worship offered for Spring session

By Melanie Lorenz
Reporter

Dr. Chris Heard is offering a new class next semester about "Planning and Leading Worship," which he said is designed to give students the tools to lead or plan any worship style.

"I'm going to let students experience a variety of styles [of worship]" Heard, an assistant professor of Bible said.

Academic Dean Mark Matson said that the class was needed.

"If we are going to take the whole issue of worship seriously, we have to give them [students] the opportunity to really research it and think about the different styles, the scriptural base, and what different faith communities have done [with worship]. Especially if we are going to send worship leaders out to minister." They will also be exposed to a variety of worship styles through field trips and guest speakers. Half of the class will be conducted by guest speakers to

keep the class from being just one person's definition of worship.

Heard explained that the class will be made up of two parts. The class will discuss theological issues and the Bible pertaining to worship before moving onto practical steps in leading a variety of worship services. Students will then learn practical skills like selecting music and scripture, ordering the service and publicly praying and reading scripture. Students will also learn how to put all the elements of worship together, including the offering, baptism and the welcoming of visitors, according to Heard.

"Students won't be pushed toward any one style," Heard said. He also suggested inviting an Episcopal rector in or conducting a Catholic Mass to class as well as other ideas, but emphasized that the schedule is not yet made for the entire class.

Sophomore youth-ministry major Terence Gadsden said he would like the take the class.

"It sounds interesting. I would take the class in a heartbeat," he said.

Studying what worship is could give students a deeper understanding, and a deeper passion to worship God, according to Gadsden.

Sophomore Brad Parker questioned the concept of a worship class unless it covered the history of worship or the differences in the worship of church denominations.

"Worship is a position of the heart," he said. "You can't teach how to worship. It's a natural response to an encounter with God. How can you teach people to encounter God?"

A class on worship has been in talked about for some time, and Heard said that the idea for the class was renewed in this year's chapel planning committee and also by student interest.

The class is being offered on Mondays and Fridays from 3:35 to 4:30.

Men's soccer team loses to King

The men's varsity lost a heart-breaking match against rival King College last Tuesday. The loss eliminated the Buffs from the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament and ended their season.

Daniel Gacheru scored the lone goal as they fell 2-1 in the playoff match.

The Buffs will lose 7 seniors: Roger Kennedy, Matt Thomas, Stephen Sharpe, Bill Hauck, Bryan Dewhurst, Tom Reynolds, and Derek Sharpe.

Derek Sharpe was honored at the Buffs last home game by the retiring of his #8 jersey.



Derek Sharpe.

VIEWS

Been there...done that.



**Natalie
Neysa Alund**
Managing
Editor

For many college students, deciding on a career interest and declaring a major are some of the most difficult decisions they will make in their lifetime. For some it requires time and thought. For me, my decision ended up costing me \$16,500 extra dollars.

What are you majoring in? You've probably been asked this question more than you care to remember. Some students come to school with their major in mind and stick with it for the full four years. Others aren't so lucky. Fortunately, as incoming freshman those students were not expected to choose a major right away. According to a study done by advisors at Avila College in Kansas City, research shows that many students who declare a major as they enter college change their mind two or three times before graduation.

I came to Milligan four and a half years ago, thinking I was veterinary school bound. Throughout high school, I spent my weekends working at a local clinic in Pittsburgh, and I had my heart set on becoming a veterinarian when I came to college. When I arrived at Milligan, I set up an appointment with my advisor to schedule classes that were required for a major in biology. Along with the requirements for my major, I also signed up for the core classes needed to graduate.

Midway through my junior year, I met with my advisor to register for the spring semester. He informed me that my grades thus far, were not adequate to apply for veterinary school. I was crushed. I had slacked off during the last three years and I was barely holding a 3.0 grade point average. It was then I realized I had to change my major. I decided to take my advisor's advice and changed my emphasis to public relations. After two semesters, I realized that public relations wasn't for me either. It wasn't until my fourth and final year at Milligan that I found my true calling, journalism. Even though it cost me a full extra year here, it will be worth it in the long run.

Dr. Larry Long, advisor at Tarleton State University, recommends those with undeclared majors to follow these five steps.

First and foremost, read course catalogs, review degree plans and look at course requirements of the majors that interest you. He also advises to visit your school's career center to ask one of the professional staff members for help finding resources.

Second, observe classes. Audit a course (enrolling without taking the class for credit or completing assignments; requires the instructors permission). Or even ask a professor if you can observe a class on a one-time basis.

Third, talk to students, faculty, and advisors. Ask friends or acquaintances what they like about a particular major, what don't they like and what they are learning that is especially challenging. Ask a faculty member or advisor what kind of abilities you will develop in the major, what kinds of careers graduates of this department typically pursue and

what they particularly like about the field. Talk with a person who has a job you think you might like. Learn how they prepared themselves during college to get that job.

Fourth, take a course. Enrolling in a course is a good way to get a sense of the subject matter, what will be required academically and what people who practice in the field do in their careers. If you are considering more than one major, it is a good idea to take at least one course in each field before you make your choice. It's good to take courses in different fields at the same time; it helps to broaden your knowledge base.

And lastly, work during college. Securing a part-time or summer job or volunteering in a career field that interests you is an excellent way to learn if you would like that type of occupation. It also provides an opportunity for you to gain career-related experience.

I think you will find that careful investigation of your personal goals, interests, abilities, and careful consideration of alternative fields and employment opportunities will lead to a good choice for you. The sky's the limit. Oh, and for the record, another key factor in your decision-making can be prayer.

A year or so ago, a 53-year-old advisor, who thus far has been a senior minister, youth minister, professor, campus director and state director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, told me that he still doesn't know what he wants to be when he grows up! So to all those undecided kids who have no clue where life is taking them, don't fret! Just keep giving it some thought; and most of all, give it some time.

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DANCE PICS



Left - Students enjoy the Fall Ball on Saturday at the Carnegie Hotel by ETSU.

Right - Juniors Portia Morrison and Nathaniel Pelton dance the night away.

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Esther's Request heads to music city

By Brian Davis
Reporter

In the last three years, Esther's Request has played for more than 100 audiences including SUB 7 and various youth gatherings throughout the mid-west. This Saturday, this acoustic-pop band will perform at the Gibson Theater in Nashville before several Christian record labels, producers and other industry professionals at the Gospel Music Association's Spotlight 2001 Competition, a highly-selective talent search for rising Christian artists.

"Making it this far almost assures a signing," said Adam West, industry relations coordinator for GMA.

According to West, over 100 bands or artists applied for the competition.

Esther's Request consists of junior Daniel Dabney, junior Dave Weir, junior Brad McMahan, alumnus Steve Kohlman and freshman Jenny Dietrich.

In order to be considered for a spot in the event, every artist or band must send GMA a promotional pack (consisting of band photographs and a recording of three original tracks) to GMA headquarters in his or her respective region and wait to see if they are chosen as one of four regional finalists. The winners in each region then compete at the national level. The national winner receives a prize package including studio recording time, product distribution and coaching

by some of the industries most distinguished veterans.

Dabney, lead vocals, said that this is a real opportunity for Esther's Request. Dove Award winners Jars of Clay began their careers by winning the GMA Spotlight Competition.

Though the idea of potentially becoming the next Jars of Clay has never been more possible than now, Esther's Request prepares for Nashville with a spirit of humility recognizing God's leadership in their ministry.

"Obviously it's not us that got us there ... it's a blessing from God," Dabney said.

As a regional finalist, the band may choose any one song to perform at the competition this weekend. Thus, after much discussion and prayer, they have selected "Wonder," one of the band's favorite songs.

"We don't have anything to lose," said lead guitarist Dave Weir. "We are focused on nothing except prayer right now. If God wants to do something with this He will. If not, this is still a great honor."

More than a dozen Milligan students, including Sophomore Karrie Smith, will be in attendance this weekend for the bands support.

"They are so talented and it doesn't really surprise me that they were chosen to go to Nashville," Smith said. "I have listened to them ever since I came to



Esther's Request from left to right: Brad McMahan, Steve Kohlman, Jenny Dedrick, Daniel Dabney and David Weir.

Milligan, and I am really impressed."

Throughout this semester, the band has performed in various coffee shops, colleges and churches. During their performance at Bellarmine College in Kentucky last weekend, Milligan alumnus Tim Dabney joined the band on stage to inform the band and the crowd that Esther's Request had been selected

as a semifinalist to the GMA Spotlight 2001 Competition.

Therefore, Esther's Request encourages all who can to journey with them to Nashville this Saturday. Ticket cost is \$5 at the door. Those interested in joining the band for this milestone accomplishment can email them at the address esthersrequest@aol.com.

Volleyball team advances to regional tournament

By Lauren Keister
Reporter

The Appalachian Athletic Conference volleyball tournament took place this weekend at King College in Bristol, Tennessee. The Lady Buffaloes placed second in the tournament, automatically sending them and first place King College to the region tournament next weekend in Louisville, Ky.

Milligan College, second during the regular season, began action Friday afternoon against the Lady Cavaliers of Montreat College. The Lady Buffaloes beat Montreat quickly in three matches, putting them into the winner's bracket.

Regular season champions King College were their first opponents of the day on Saturday. The Buffs managed to

We played really well against King...they are just a lot stronger and have some really good hitters.

-Christina Medlin

win the first match 15-13, but King overpowered Milligan and won the next three matches to take the win.

"We played really well against King," said sophomore Christina Medlin. "They are just a lot stronger and have some really good hitters."

Though forced to drop down into the loser's bracket, the Lady Buffs rebounded after the loss and once again beat Montreat in three matches.

The Lady Buffaloes then found themselves in a rematch against King for the conference championship game. The Lady Tornadoes dominated the game

winning 15-1, 15-2 and 15-9.

"We just seem to have a mental block when we play King," said sophomore Heather Lanning. "We'll be OK if we play at the top of the game."

Sophomore Wendy Weaver added, "We need to play at the top throughout the entire game and we can't afford to break down."

Montreat College will also be competing in the tournament. Montreat was ranked for the majority of the season, allowing their invitation to the region tournament.

"It is going to be really tough but if

we play together as a team we have a great chance of advancing," said Medlin.

Senior Molly Stacks, along with Weaver and Medlin, were named to the All Appalachian Athletic Conference team. Weaver and Medlin were also named to the All Tournament team.

Junior Megan Hackler received the Student-Athlete Scholar Award. The all-academic award is given to students who play in 50 percent or more of the games and have at least a 3.25 GPA.

The Lady Buffs play both Friday and Saturday this weekend at the Southeast Region XII Tournament at Indiana University. Pairings and times are listed in a mass e-mail that was sent to all Milligan students.

NEWS

Students worship at midnight

By Phillip Greene

Reporter

Around midnight many students are heading to bed at Milligan, but for some students midnight is a time to start worshipping.

"It's kind of like we are forming a spiritual community," said freshman Tyler Dodd, one of the founders of the group. "We just want to help students get a good base and hold each other together."

Each night this group meets at the gazebo near Buffalo Creek to worship. If, however, the weather is bad the group travels to the East Johnson City Church of God, which was opened up for the students by Dr. Patrick Kariuki.

The group started last Thursday night and has met every night since. The service itself is not an organized service. According to Dodd, the service is a come and go as you please type service.

The purpose of this group, according to its founders Dodd, junior Phillip Brown and freshman Mike Erler, is to build a tighter community among the students at Milligan.

"We all three had similar ideas, and we just put them together," Dodd said.

Dodd added that one person does not lead it, but it is a team effort.

"It isn't exactly an organized meeting," Dodd said. "Not that it isn't organized, but it is organized by the spirit. It is completely spirit led."

This atmosphere is what the students who have gone like.

"It is awesome because of the informal, relaxed atmosphere," says Isaac Jensen. "It brings the students together



Students worshipping at the gazebo on Monday night, despite the cold weather.

Photo by Robin Hamlin

as a body, it is really just indescribable."

Elijah Kariuki added that it was a "breakthrough for the spiritually hungry."

The goals of this group are simple: to worship God and form a great community.

"We just want to serve God," Dodd said. "We hope that it will break out like a wild-fire. We just want to follow God's will."

Brown shares Dodd's vision for the nightly prayer meeting.

"We just want to try and give people the opportunity to come and worship," says Phil Brown. "We know that everyone can't always go to Vesper's or the well, but this gives the opportunity to

worship to students."

They plan on meeting every night at midnight at the Gazebo and going from there wherever they feel necessary.

The services last around two hours, but students come and go as they please.

"We are going to continue this as long as God will allow," says Dodd. "God is working through us; we can't take the credit."

Plans for the group are to continue into the spring, and they say that as the weather warms up they will stay outdoors and worship.

"We hope that students will feel closer to each other," says Dodd. "But our main goal is to serve God and hold each other together."

Jennifer Knapp concert canceled

The Jennifer Knapp and Bebo Norman concert scheduled for this past Saturday evening was postponed and has been rescheduled to an undetermined date in February, 2001. The new concert date will be announced within a week.

"Jennifer Knapp inspires me because her words express what I sometimes can't find the words to say, and now I have to wait until February to hear her sing them!" freshman Gretel Pogue said.

Knapp and Norman were originally scheduled to perform in Milligan College's Soper Chapel. An announcement released by New Covenant Productions said that the postponement was due to tour exhaustion. New Covenant Productions was unavailable to issue a statement or provide further details regarding the situation.

According to the New Covenant Productions website, tickets purchased for the Nov. 11 concert "will be honored and prices will stay the same."

Jonathan Robinson, manager of the bookstore said that approximately 46 tickets had been sold to students and members of the public. While it seems like a small number, Robinson also said that the tendency is for people to wait until the last minute to purchase tickets at the door even though they are slightly more expensive.

Reporting by Nathaniel Poring

Hezekiah Barnes

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Where are you gonna be?

Town meetings planned for students to share

By Nevan Hooker

Reporter

In an effort to hear student's opinions on a variety of issues at Milligan, a "town meeting" for the students will be held scheduled for Tuesday, November 21st in convocation.

During convocation, from 11:00 until 11:50, the Milligan community will divide into their respective classes, freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior, each meeting in a different location. Students will receive a convocation punch for attending the meeting.

"The purpose of the meeting is essentially to provide an opportunity for the students to be heard on a variety of issues and to provide faculty and staff an opportunity to listen," said Julie Ray, director of student life.

Students will be given an opportunity to express their concerns and ideas they have about how to make Milligan a better place, according to the Milligan College mission. Members of SGA, fac-

ulty and at least one administrator will serve as the primary moderators for the discussion. Results from the town meeting will be addressed during convocation next semester.

"As a new member of the staff who is supposed to be working closely with students in all areas of student life, [the town meeting] will help me to get a more immediate picture of where the students are in their thinking regarding life at Milligan College," said Ray.

Ray started the job at Milligan on October 1st. She said the town meeting will provide much needed input from the students to enable her to plan effectively for student development in activities, services and residence life.

"I think the town meeting is a good idea," said freshman Michelle Moore. "We are creating a democracy where everyone can express their feelings. We pay money to go to school here, so we should have the opportunity to say what we feel."

Ray also said a consultant from

Wheaton College will be visiting the campus during the spring semester to work with the student development office in implementing different ideas and new programs on campus.

"I think it is a good idea to get ideas from other colleges and schools to help make our school a better place," said Emily Homrich, parliamentarian of SGA. "We should learn from the mistakes and successes of other institutions."

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SPORTS

Men's basketball wins one, loses one over weekend

By Bryan Browning
Reporter

The Milligan College Buffaloes opened their season on Friday evening defeating Johnson & Whales University and losing to Southern Virginia on Saturday.



Lance Ashby (23) pulls up for a jumper over the Johnson & Whales defense.

Photo by Jason Harville

"The games were good to get in, everyone received a lot of playing time and this will let us see where we need to improve," said Coach Tony Wallingford.

In Friday's game, Milligan defeated Johnson & Whales by almost thirty points. Milligan Buffaloes raked the points in on Friday ending with 99 points, with a final score of 99 to 67. Saturday was a different story according to senior Gabe Goulds.

"[On Friday] we played well came out strong and ready to play," Goulds said. "[On Saturday], we came out flat, which allowed Southern Virginia to stay in the game."

Lance Ashby was the leading scorer for the Johnson & Whales game with 21 points. Lance comes back to the Buffaloes after taking a season off for academics. Caleb Gilmer stepped up with a big 26 points scored Saturday against Southern Virginia.

Upperclassmen guards A. J. Halmer and Gabe Goulds said they think that Milligan has a young team that needs to get used to college basketball and learn to play to each other's strengths.

"Someone is needed to step up and take the motivating role that Jeff Long and Demand Davis played last year," Coach William Ratliff said.



Gabe Goulds (3) mans up on defense with teammate A.J. Hamler (21) behind him

Photo by Jason Harville

Milligan College is 3-0 thus far in their season.

"Our goal is to improve and to do this we need to stay active on offense and become more consistent on defense,"

Wallingford said. "The first games were to get the kinks out, but now it's getting time to play."

Women's basketball team suffers defeat

By Mary Beth Ellis
Reporter

The Lady Buffs basketball team had a disappointing weekend with losses to North Georgia on Friday and Brewton-Parker on Saturday in the pre-season tournament.

"Everything just fell into sync for the other team," said senior Amy Moody. "That's why we lost by 30 points, it's not that they were better athletes, they just clicked." Moody scored nine points in the North Georgia game and went ahead to score six in the Saturday night match up.

The Buffs began Friday night against North Georgia College. Each play by North Georgia boosted their lead enabling them to defeat the Lady Buffs by 30 points.

"I think that we played very well but we're young and still focusing on working together," Moody said.

The same theme took over on Saturday night as the team lost by 14 points to Brewton-Parker.

"We like to play tougher teams outside of the season," said Head Coach Rich Aubrey. "That is what makes us better."

During the game, Brewton-Parker

hit a run that could not be stopped and though the Lady Buffs played well, they were unable to catch their opponents.

"The game went at such a fast pace. It was 61-51 at the half, but we chose to keep the pace up," said Aubrey. "We play fast and we could slow things down but that is not our style and if we lost games for that, then so be it."

Amy Allen made the All Tournament as the top scorer for the Lady Buffs with 22 points in the first game and 14 on Saturday night, giving the girls an added boost.

Aubrey said the ladies played very well against a great team and were able to force 25 turnovers.

"All in all, I was very pleased with the effort from my team," Aubrey said.

The Lady Buffs have their first season match Tuesday night at home against Southern Virginia at 7 pm. This will determine the theme for the rest of the season and whether or not the losses over the past weekend will affect the play this week.



Women's soccer finishes season

By Sarah Small
Reporter

The Lady Buffs' season ended last Friday night in the regional tournament semifinals. The loss is their third and final this season to region-tournament bound Virginia Intermont.

"To know you got beaten by a team three times is no fun," said junior co-captain Heather Eckman. "Two out of the three games we were ahead for a majority of the game."

Hopes were high for the Lady Buffaloes who scored two goals less than 15 minutes into the game. Eckman scored the first on a pass from junior Jillian Schweizer. An own-goal by VI gave them a two-goal lead.

Sophomore goalkeeper Abby Armstrong dominated the first half despite giving up a goal to VI star striker Laura Hislop with two minutes left in the half. The Lady Cobras came out of halftime strong as they tied the score at 2-2 only six minutes into the second half.

Schweizer added another goal on

an assist from freshman Bianca Spoto with 20 minutes left in the second half.

However the VI women would not give up as they tied the score yet again at 3-3 just before the end of the game.

"I thought we dominated the whole game until overtime," said Schweizer. "When overtime started they came out on fire. Their intensity was much higher than ours."

In the second minute of overtime Hislop took advantage of Armstrong who was caught out of the net finishing the game and propelling her team to the Region XII championship match.

"They are a very good team. I think we stepped up and played a very tight game," added sophomore Jessica Griffith. "It shows how skilled the two teams were that we tied and went into overtime."

The Lady Buffaloes finish the season with a 13-9 record overall and anxiously await the return of All-Americans and Nigerian National players Mercy Akide and Florence Omagbemi.

NEWS

Baseball team wears dresses, makes money

by Misty Fry

Student Life Editor

It's amazing what people will do for money these days.

For Milligan's baseball team, they're willing to plop on a wig, strut around in a tight fitting dress and dance to songs like "Jump On It" in order to get a few extra dollars for uniforms.

Tuesday night in Seeger Chapel, the baseball team hosted its first annual Beauty Pageant/Talent Show where Miss Milligan was crowned queen.

The festivities started at 7 pm with the introduction of the contestants. All of the freshman and sophomore players dressed up and vied for the crown. Scott Shealy, a sophomore who dressed as Dolly Parton, was crowned Miss Milligan.

"It's a great honor to be crowned



an Patrick and Jonah Price.

Photo by Regina Holtman



Danny Breece, Dustin Barrett and Ben Berry performing a Dixie Chicks song.

Photo by Regina Holtman

Miss Milligan and Dolly appreciates it," Shealy said.

The baseball team put on the show in order to pay for extra expenditures and travel, also wanting to upgrade their facilities and equipment. The team was hoping to make about \$1500 from ticket sales.

The show was complete with a talent competition, skits and commercials done by the upperclassmen, and a time for the "ladies" to awe the audience and judges.

"Scott [Shealy] was too good," said Charlene Kiser, assistant professor of humanities. "Some of those guys who are so shy, to do what they did...they either have to love baseball or something."

According to coach Danny Clark, the night was also an effort to bring the team together.

"It is something unusual as far as a fund-raiser," said Clark. "We also want to build team unity out of it."

Jennifer Phillips, principal at Valley Forge elementary school in Elizabethton, Shannon Cruze and Meredith Craig, production reporters at the radio station WJHL all served as judges. The master of ceremonies was Louie Whittmore, a long time friend of Clark.

It was an entertaining evening, filled by a song by the Dixie Chicks, Dolly Parton with guest Kenny Rogers, dancing, turkey calling and skits such as "Mr. Peepers," "The Milligan Club," and "Too Tired."

"It was great to see normally macho guys get in touch with their softer side," said sophomore Hannah Absher.

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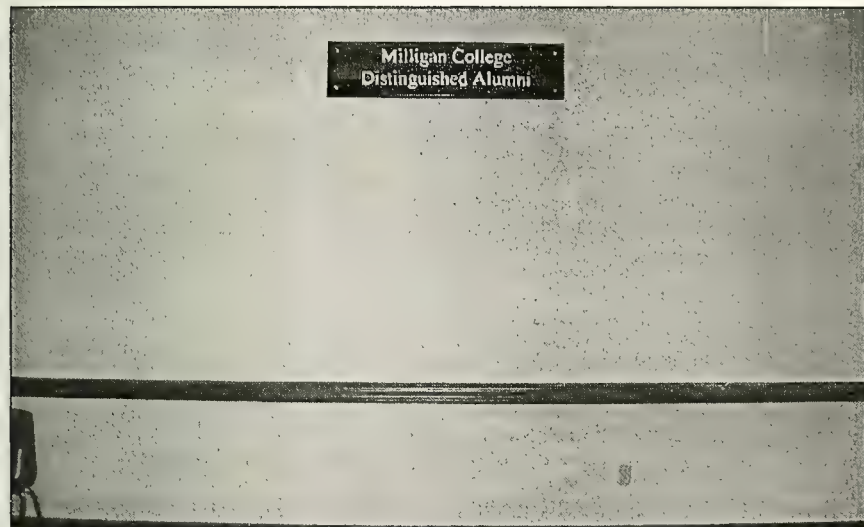
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Mike Johnson resigns from Milligan

By Natalie Neysa Alund
Managing Editor

Vice President for Enrollment Management Michael Johnson's resignation will be effective Dec. 31, 2000, as he is moving to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro's graduate school to become the director of recruiting and information technology.

"It's a good opportunity and I'm excited about it," Johnson said. "I have been here for a while, and I am ready for a new challenge."

While working in enrollment, Johnson's efforts helped Milligan reach new levels of academic achievement and the highest enrollments in its history. The highest enrollment at Milligan is 927 students in 1998. Currently the schools enrollment is at 906.

Johnson graduated from Milligan College in May of 1986, and Milligan hired him the following June as admissions counselor. He worked as counselor for three years and was promoted to director of admissions. In 1997, Johnson became vice president for enrollment management.

Although Johnson said he is ready for a new challenge, he said he will miss being involved in the ministry at Milligan.



Mike Johnson stands in the admissions office.

Photo by Natalie Neysa Alund

"This place has been very good for me spiritually, professionally and personally, and I am leaving it now with no regrets."

Faculty and students alike have expressed their views on Johnson's resignation.

"He (Johnson) has been a tremendous asset to Milligan College in many ways, not the least of which is his leadership in enrollment management," said Todd Norris, vice president for institutional advancement. "Of course, I would rather see Mike stay at Milligan, but he

has a good opportunity to advance his career goals. In that respect I am happy for him."

Junior Dave Weir, Johnson's only advisee, said Johnson always inspired him to give his best at everything.

"He also encouraged me when I did well," Weir said. He would send me a note saying something like, 'Way to go.'"

A search committee has been formed to look for a replacement for Johnson.

"The group has not met yet, and I cannot speak to the qualifications we are seeking in a replacement until those have been formalized by the committee," Norris said. "What I can say is that we take our responsibility very seriously."

According to Norris, the search committee's vision is to make the Milligan experience possible for more students.

"The enrollment management area will be key," Norris said. "We will make every effort to ensure that the college can continue to move forward with capable leadership."

Johnson's wife Patty, will join him in Greensboro in May, after she finishes out the spring semester teaching in the occupational therapy program at Milligan.

Students end semester with 24 hours of prayers

By Phillip Greene
Reporter

As the semester is winding down, Milligan students came together to pray. A prayer vigil started at 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, and continued until 11:00 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, in the SUB conference room. This was the beginning of what the Campus Ministry team, Kim Becker and Andrew Parker, hopes will be an ongoing event.

"I think that the goals were pretty much reached for the event," Parker said. "The students got to pray for fellow students and faculty, and I think that it has brought us together closer as a community."

Parker went on to say that the goals for the vigil were to bring to God specific things that need prayer, and also to alert students to prayer in their own lives and to bring the campus closer together as a community.

The vigil was set up in 15-minute time slots, which allowed students to

reserve the room for that time. Students entered the room and prayed as they wished, out of the public eye. A bowl of prayer requests was set upon the table for students who wished to use them, but they were not required for the participants.

With around 175 students and faculty members signed up and nearly 200 showing up to take part, Parker said that the turnout was greater than originally expected.

"We had every time slot filled," he said. "Some we even had double and even triple sign-ups on."

With numbers higher than expected and the positive reactions from students involved, Parker and Becker say that they are hoping to continue this into next semester and next year.

"We're going to try to do possibly two each semester from now on," Parker said. "We've actually had people say that we should do it year-round."

Parker added that they would have signups not only for prayer times but also



Andrew Parker and Kim Becker oversee the 24-hour prayer vigil.

Photo by Natalie Neysa Alund

for time slots to work the table.

Senior Tara Marasco prayed at 2:30 in the morning, and she said it was encouraging to see so many people there.

"I thought it was cool how at the busiest time of they year people still

signed up for the times, even at four in the morning people were there."

"Our goals were more than reached," Parker said. "We are happy with the outcome, and hope it continues into the future."

SPORTS

Frogs leap to 1st place as intramural champs

Friday night's football championship game was a hard-fought victory for the Frogs. The No Limit Soldiers were a good match for the Frogs, and the game ended with a score of 33-31.

Freshman Leslie Burke scored for the Frogs, and sophomore Jen Trompower scored for the No Limit Soldiers in the first half setting the tone for the night.

"I feel that we were two equally matched teams who played really hard and tried to have a good time," said junior Hannah Absher. "It was a big accomplishment for us [to win] as underdogs."

The No Limit Soldiers seemed like they might take the game when freshman Rachel Peterson scored during the middle of the second half, but junior Jennifer Thomas intercepted a pass to give the ball back to the Frogs. After that chance the Frogs' junior Amy Hulcher scored again and tied the game.

The game went into overtime. Burke scored first for the Frogs then sophomore Carissa Ellis scored for the No Limit Soldiers to tie the game one more time. Burke dove to catch a pass in the end zone to add one more touchdown for the Frogs. The No Limit Soldiers had one more chance to score and tie the game again until Burke knocked the pass out of bounds.

"It was a very very good game," Trompower said. "It got pretty physical, but I think that added to it."

Reporting by Sarah Small

Gamecocks are champions

By Sarah Small
Reporter

The Gamecocks beat the Posse 32-6 last Friday night in an exciting intramural football championship game.

"There were a few temper-flaring incidents, but whatever was on the field stayed on the field...a lot of guys on both teams were friends," said senior Corey Webb.

For the Gamecocks, the championship game this year was a culmination of four years of intramural football. Most of the guys have played on the same team all four years.

The first year the gamecocks played, intramural football was not as organized as it is this year.

"Our freshman year we didn't really

have a name because the teams weren't as defined. People just came if they could, and it wasn't as big of a deal if someone couldn't come," said senior Trent Davis.

According to Webb, the past four seasons that the Gamecocks have been a team they have gone into the championship game with the best record, but the championship has eluded them until this, their senior year.

Because this is the last year that they will play intramural football together, the Gamecocks wanted the championship game to be a big event.

"Kyle [Dinler] had been planning on having food and snacks, because he wanted a lot of people to come. That didn't work out, but we were really happy that a lot of people still came," Davis said.



Seniors Shane Smith and Jared Gullett prepare to battle juniors Phil Brown, Dru Dodd and Doc Ramsey.

Photo by Jason Hanville

Cross Country transitions to track team

The Milligan College cross country team has been transforming itself into the brand new Milligan College track team over the past two weeks since the NAIA Cross Country Championship on November 18 as it prepares for its inaugural season.

The track team, Milligan's first, will have its first meet of the season on December 8 at Clemson, so runners have been practicing daily to prepare.

"We're supposed to run every weekday morning except for Wednesday on our own, and practices are a little more individualized for particular events than cross country was," Shane Oakleaf said.

It is also much colder running weather at this time of the year. Runners often find themselves running in below freezing temperatures in the early morning, forcing them to take more time for stretching and preparation.

Fortunately, all meets will be held inside so the team has also been practicing in the afternoons at an indoor facility at Science Hill High School.

While Coach Chris Layne strongly encouraged all cross-country runners to participate in track, some opted out. These runners are expected to run three times a week on their own.

Reporting by David Nydegger

Men's basketball optimistic about season

By Phillip Brown
Sports Editor

Despite a loss to Southern Virginia on Saturday, the Buffs basketball team is happy with the progress it is making this season.

"I think we'll be real good, but we are still finding our rhythm," said junior James Howard, a center.

The Milligan men lost Saturday's game against Southern Virginia, 99-90. The loss sets their overall record to 6-1 with a 1-0 record in the conference.

The Buffs played Southern Virginia on a middle school gym basketball court, which is significantly shorter than a typical college court.

"They played a 2-3 zone against us, and on that small court they were able to

force a lot of turnovers," Lance Ashby said.

The Buffs found it even more difficult to play when a key offensive player, Caleb Gilmer, fouled out within the first 10 minutes of the game.

The loss of Gilmer would not have had a major effect on their offensive output if they did not have to leave freshman Michael McMeans and junior Scott Hall, two of their backup post players, at home due to injury. At one point, the Buffs had five guards on the floor.

However, this loss is not expected to change their number eight national ranking. Southern Virginia was a non-conference match up and does not usually figure in the ranking system.

"There is a lot expected of us because of our ranking," stated junior

Lance Ashby. "A lot of teams have painted a target on our backs because of it too."

Coach Tony Wallingford concluded, "I think we learned our lesson from last year: It is not how you start, it is how you finish."

Last year the Buffs started the season with a top 10 national ranking, but failed to make it to the NAIA National Tournament.

"There was a lot of hype last year, and I am not going to get in that game again," stated Wallingford.

The Buffs have a busy Christmas break ahead of them as they play two games in Florida the first week of break. They then report back to practice on Dec. 27 before their Jan. 2 game against Indiana University-Southeast.

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SPORTS

Lorenz, Starr run at NAIA nationals in Wis.

By Jennifer Vaughn
Reporter

Ryan Starr and Melanie Lorenz traveled to Kenosha, Wis. where they competed in the NAIA Cross Country National Championships on Nov. 18. The two sophomores were the only two runners from Milligan's team who competed against some of the best runners in the nation.

The weather played a big factor in the competition, forcing a lot of the athletes to accept slower times than they had expected. The wind chill on the day of the race was minus 2 degrees. The participants were forced to run against wind blowing at about 18 miles per hour.

The weather definitely had an effect on Starr and Lorenz. At the one-mile point Starr was 81st, which was 20 places back from when he competed last year. As a freshman, Starr finished 59th, but this year he finished 70th out of the 253 runners in the men's division.

"The slushy, icy conditions made it challenging to make big moves," Starr said.

Lorenz finished 142 out of the 248 competitors in the women's division. Lorenz said she could have done better, but she was proud to represent Milligan.

"I feel like I could have done better," Lorenz said. "It was very cold that day, so I just had to get out there and have fun. I'm glad to say I could do it."

Starr set the tone for the Milligan men's cross country team, and next year believes he may have a legitimate shot at being an All-American runner.

"I was pleased with my season, with nationals, but above all that God continues to renew my strength daily," Starr said.

Milligan finished well in only their second season in existence, and both Starr and Lorenz look forward to improving for next year.

"Another year of experience will be good and the team will grow closer," said Lorenz. "I'm ready to work hard so I can get better."



Ryan Starr runs in the tournament that qualified him for nationals.

Photo by Jason Harville

Girls basketball team gets off to rough start

By Phillip Brown
Sports Editor

The Lady Buffs are not anywhere near where they would like to be, but they have not lost hope for their season.

"We aren't where we need to be," said senior Amy Moody. "But we will get

there."

The Women's basketball team suffered their third loss in a row this season to Lincoln Memorial University on Saturday, 91-56.

Their 1-5 record has not discouraged them because they know they have got a lot of potential.

"Every game we have somebody different step up," said senior Amy Allen. "When we get everybody playing together we will be playing to our potential."

The future is not bleak in the slightest for the Lady Buffs; they have only lost one game in the conference and that is where the record counts. Their 99-79 loss to Brevard College was their only one in the conference.

Two bright spots for the season thus far is the addition of the Greene twins, Amanda and Miranda. Both of them are 5'10" freshmen from Hampton, Tenn. They make up a young team with three other freshmen and seven sophomores who played on last year's team.

The Lady Buffs have two games before Christmas break. They played Lees-McRae College on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and will play Bryan College on Saturday.

They play one away game against Maryville College on Dec. 15 before they head to Florida to play in the Shawnee State Tournament.



Volleyball team finishes season

The Milligan College volleyball team ended their season with a loss, but their overall record was quite impressive.

The Lady Buffaloes lost on Nov. 17 to Midway College in the Regional Tournament. The Buffs won two of the five games against Midway in the tournament, which was held in Louisville, Ky.

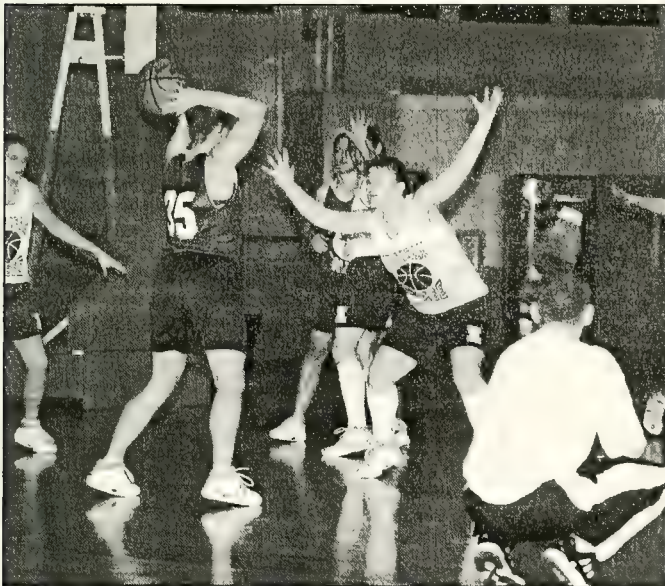
Joining Milligan in the regional tournament from the Appalachian Athletic Conference was King College and Montreat College.

Milligan finished the season 14-2 in the conference, losing both games to AAC champions, King College. The Lady Buffaloes posted an overall record of 19-15.

Though seniors Cassie Denton and Molly Stacks will be greatly missed, the young Buffalo team holds high hopes of a spectacular season next year.

"I believe that losing our two seniors will play a big part next year because they are such good players," said sophomore Melody Black. "But I think that if we stay together and help out the incoming freshman then we will be OK."

Reporting by Lauren Keister



The girls basketball team practices for their next game.

Photo by Jason Harville

NEWS

Dibble plans to leave Milligan after 29 years

By Chad Booth

Reporter

Dr. Terry Dibble, member of Milligan faculty since 1971, has made plans to retire at the end of the spring semester.

"Dr. Dibble has contributed a lot to Milligan," said Dr. Jack Knowles, chair of the area of humane learning.

Possessing a doctorate in American Literature, Dibble has been a valuable asset to Milligan's English program and humanities program. He brought a wealth of experience with him when he began teaching at Milligan 29 years ago. To his credit were several teaching positions at universities across the Midwest and even elementary school principal.



Dibble discusses future developments in the novel his Twentieth Century Literature class is reading.

Photo by Regina Holtman

"He has contributed significantly," said Knowles. "We're glad for him to be able to take things a little easy."

Dibble described his time at Milligan as "in a word...fulfilling," but said that he felt the time was right to move on. As to his reasons for leaving, he cited the fact that he was two years past the retirement age.

The professor will not be left without anything to do, though. He has already made plans on how to spend his newly found freedom. He plans to catch up on some reading, travel, possibly do some woodworking and sleep late.

The search for a professor to assume the vacated position has already begun. According to Knowles, advertisements have been placed in national publications to attract applicants. Applications will be accepted until Dec. 10 at which point the selection committee will determine the best of the applicants and will invite them for an interview and a meeting with the dean.

The hope is that a decision will be made during the spring semester, although the new professor will not join the faculty until next fall.

The selection would not necessarily teach the same classes, said Knowles.

"[Dr. Dibble] typically has two humanities sessions and two upper division English classes," Knowles said.

Knowles said that an ideal situation would be one in which the new professor was able to teach a Spanish class as well. He projects that the new professor will almost certainly have a sophomore

humanities section and a humanities writing section.

It is still undecided whether or not the replacement will take on the American Literature Classes. Presently, Dr. Ruth Cook, associate professor of English and humanities, is set to take on the Twentieth Century Literature class vacated by Dibble.



Dibble in 1980.

Photo from 1980 yearbook

Volunteer action center regrouping with change in leadership

By Chad Booth

Reporter

The Volunteer Action Center is gearing up once again to be a force in the lives of Milligan students.

"Things have been really slow here in the Volunteer Action Center this semester," said Julie Ray, director of student life.

The VAC started at Milligan two years ago around Christmas and has been an active part of Milligan life ever since. According to Ray, every organization faces potentially disastrous effects when the founding members leave. Dealing with the loss and moving on is the sign of an organization that can last.

The VAC suffered from the loss of several active seniors who graduated last spring. The core group of five students that is trying to regroup and revamp the program is composed of Robbee Campbell, Anna Johnston, Jeremy Mashburn, Erin McRae and Heather

"Things have been really slow here in the Volunteer Action Center this semester."

--Julie Ray

McMullen. The group is expected to grow slightly, but the plan is to stay small.

The core group is responsible for getting the information about where volunteers are needed. They compile a list of companies, volunteer organizations and other miscellaneous sources in need of volunteers, and they then make that list available to students. They are also responsible for manning the VAC center where the materials will be at the students' disposal.

"Ideally, this is not going to be run by any staff member," said Ray. "The goal for this year is to regroup."

The organization needs to first get grounded and then it will be able to be run independently by students without

the need for staff intervention, according to Ray.

Ray, who is in charge of all student organizations and activities on campus, is helping to get the program back on its feet but is anxious to see students take the helm and steer the VAC.

The vision for the VAC is one of student-led volunteerism. The organization will function as an intermediary between students and organizations in need of the services of volunteers. Students will be able to peruse the resource book compiled by the core members of the VAC to find information on an organization that they are passionate about.

The VAC generally leaves the decision of where to volunteer up to the student. However, they have a standing

commitment with some organizations to help out when called upon.

Occasionally, help is requested directly from individuals in the community. The VAC welcomes requests whether they come through an organization or not.

Although their main goal is to regroup, the VAC would like to get students involved in the VAC as soon as possible and let them know where they can help out in the community.

Once everything is on track, the VAC will be putting out a newsletter once a month to recant the past month's activities and foreshadow the plans for the upcoming month.

Presently, the VAC is sharing its office space with the Career Development Center located in the SUB. Ray anticipates outgrowing the current space in a short time and relocating to a more appropriate area for the numbers they expect to attract.

NEWS

Darkroom continues to be tight squeeze

By Regina Holtman
Editor-in-Chief

Sophia Phillips, a married commuter, tried to get into basic photography because she is considering a fine arts/photography major, but she couldn't get in because the two sections were filled before it was her turn to pre-register.

"I wanted to see if this was something I wanted to do with my life, but since I couldn't get in the class it has postponed my decision making until next year," Phillips said. "Not getting in has really put a damper on what I am considering to be my major."

Phillips, along with other students who are not currently declared communications or fine arts majors, barely stood a chance of getting into a photography class that can only fit four people at a time in one small darkroom. Not when 12 fine arts/photography majors, eight photography minors, 21 journalism students, 35 public relations students and 13 fine arts majors with other emphases need multiple photography classes to graduate.

"We all have known we need a larger darkroom," Dr. Mark Matson, academic dean, said. "It's certainly my intention to do something."

Matson said that current plans project a larger darkroom when the Paxson Communications Building gets an extension, which is contingent upon the results of the five-year capitol campaign currently underway to raise funds for another class room building and an improved communications building.

"We have such financial constraints and restraints that we haven't moved up the line of priorities as quickly as I would like," Dick Major, area chair of performing, visual and communicative arts said.

Currently, the four enlargers, which students use to print their negatives, are in constant use Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 5, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 5. The basic photography classes are overfull, having only a capacity of eight students, but accepting two extra students who must come outside of the scheduled class time.

"I juggle people to try and get them

in the darkroom for an adequate amount of time," said Alice Anthony, assistant professor of the practice of art who teaches all the photography classes.

Students also use the darkroom when they have independent studies and next semester, senior exhibits. During the times that classes aren't scheduled, students must use the darkroom to work outside of the one hour they get during class periods.

Jason Harville, a sophomore fine arts/photography major, estimates that he spends 10 to 15 hours in the darkroom outside of his intermediate photography class time.

"We only get one hour per class," he said. "We have to make it up outside of class."

The 12 fine arts/photography majors and eight minors count is at "an all time high," according to Anthony, who will teach an overload of five classes next semester.

Matson said the growth in photography majors is "a testimony to Alice Anthony's success."

However, the increase in fine arts/photography majors puts further pressure on the already full photography classes.

"We have more communications majors and more fine arts majors who all have to take photography classes," he said. "It used to be that we would have one or two fine arts students, and that would open up more slots for communications majors."

Anthony teaches two sections of basic photography and one section of intermediate photography every year, while rotating color photography and photojournalism between fall and spring. She also supervises senior exhibits and independent studies throughout the year.

If competition is an indicator, Anthony's students are a success despite the small darkroom. Last year, eight Milligan students out of 20,000 college student applicants placed in the Photographer's Forum Annual Competition.

"I think a really big advantage of our program is the one-on-one attention," Anthony said. "It's much more imper-



Rebekah Sipes, Bethany Haynes, Tara Marasco and Jason Harville (from left to right) work in the darkroom in their intermediate photography class time, while Haynes slips in for some extra time to print.

Photo by Robin Hamilton

sonal at a larger school."

"I wish we could offer people more space, more time in the darkroom," said Anthony.

Problems even getting into photography classes like Phillips had are far from unusual.

"It usually fills up before freshman and sophomores register," said Rita Russell, office manager of the registrar's office.

Anthony laments the fact that non-majors can rarely get into basic photography as an elective.

"I think if somebody is interested, and really wants to take it, they should be able to," she said.

"People end up saying, 'Photography is closed, why even try?'" Anthony said. "I would like to be able to offer photography to students outside of the arts/comm areas. There are a lot of people who could use it in their profession."

Last year, a new darkroom was under construction, but the project was abandoned because the space did not prove adequate to improve the current problems.

"It wasn't going to do much," Matson said.

The current darkroom holds the same four enlargers that Anthony started the photography program with nine years ago when she came to Milligan from ETSU.

"In the ideal situation, 10 enlargers or so would be good and another darkroom with two to three color enlargers," she said.

Matson said that the darkroom space shortage is not the only area where the college is in need of space.

"We're having problems finding spaces for all the academic areas," he said. "My highest priority right now is the second classroom building."

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FEATURES

Milligan legend plans to retire after 50 years

By Misty Fry
Student Life Editor

Coach Duard Walker sits behind his desk laden with strewn papers and books, just like the rest of his office. Piles of books, VCR tapes, boxes and old trophies line the narrow walls of his corner office representing half a century of coaching, teaching, mentoring, disciplining, loving and serving. On the bookshelf beside his desk are black and white photos representing previous sports teams, some Walker

played on and some he coached. A small neon green squirt gun covered in dust sits beside the pictures that had been confiscated during a class.

We are in the middle of an interview. Walker is reclining in his chair, playing with what looks like a letter opener but is big enough to be a knife. The question comes up as to whether Walker thinks sports play too much of a role at Milligan. Leaning forward, he seriously says, "People who want to do away with athletics don't know what they are asking. It would be taking away the spirit of the college. If [colleges] were only academics, well, all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

Walker has proved he is definitely not a dull boy. After 50 years of serving at Milligan, he has shown that athletics can have a vital role in the college experience, influencing life both on and off the court. While a student at Milligan, he was and still is the only Milligan athlete to have earned 12 varsity letters in 5 different intercollegiate sports. Besides that, he was a charter member and past president of the Milligan Optimist Club, served in World War II in the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa and recently won third place in badminton at the National Senior Championships.

Walker has been coaching ever since returning to Milligan in 1951. He has coached basketball, track and field, cross country, baseball and is in his 26th year of coaching tennis. His teams have produced stars such as Del Harris, who used to coach the L.A. Lakers basketball team, and the teams have also won several conference championships and awards, all without awarding scholarships.

"Coach Walker reminds me of all the good qualities I remember of my coaches as a young man," said Marvin Glover, associate professor of mathematics and women's tennis coach. "He is a valuable mentor, coach and friend; they just don't make them better than Duard."

Walker was born in 1924 in Piney Flats, Tenn. Sports were always important, and at Mary Hughes High School he was involved in many activities. Walker's freshman year of college was spent at ETSU, where he commuted and played baseball. The next year, under the influence of Milligan's coach Steve Lacey, Walker came to Milligan and played football, basketball and tennis. After his sophomore year, he went into

back to Milligan where he continued playing sports, picking up baseball and track and field, where he qualified to run in the Penn Relays.

Walker and his wife, Carolyn, met at Milligan. She was in the first civilian class after the navy, and they were married in August of 1947 in the summer before their senior year. The couple was crowned together as Milligan's May King and Queen their senior year.

"The first time I met [Walker] was at a party where he came back on leave from the Navy," said Carolyn with a giggle. "He was a personable, friendly guy. I liked him

"He is a valuable mentor, coach and friend; they just don't make them better than Duard."

--Marvin Glover

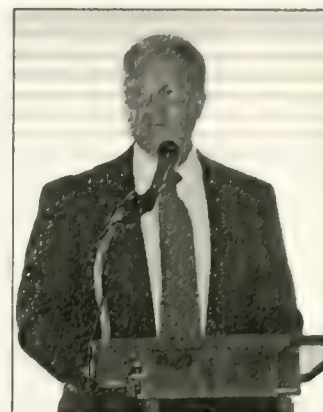
the United States Navy and came back to Milligan in the V-12 program in training for World War II (Milligan College was at the time given over to this program and no classes were held). After serving in Iwo Jima and Okinawa, the war ended and Walker was sent to Green Cove Springs, Fla. to fulfill the rest of his duties and was appointed to the rank of lieutenant.

Walker came home in 1946 and went

instantly."

After graduation from Milligan, Walker received his master's degree at the Teachers College at Columbia University in New York City. Coming back to Tennessee, Walker taught for a short time at Farragut High School in Knox County. Then, in 1951, Walker returned to Milligan and has been here ever since.

"I'm glad that I decided to return to



Duard Walker, in November

Photo by Jason Harville

Milligan," Walker said. "There is a big difference in teaching in high school and in college. There is so much interference in teaching at high school, outside problems. I couldn't do a good job that way."

Walker began teaching physical education and coaching basketball, baseball, track and cross-country, which he did for 21 years, earning the conference title for seven consecutive years. He also served as the dean of men. Walker became the resident director of the men's Pardee Hall, and later Webb Hall, in which he and his wife raised their five children, all Milligan alumni. Gary, his second child, still holds the home run record in baseball.

And now, after 50 years, Walker's time at Milligan is quickly drawing to a close. As for future plans, Walker and his wife will be living in a house they bought near Johnson City and plan to travel to visit family, including their nine grandchildren. Walker also wants to see the West and New England states and maybe even visit former students.

"I think Coach Walker is precious and I will miss him," said Jackie Heffren, a previous tennis student. "Even though he was a difficult professor for an athletic failure like me, I can now hit a tennis ball because of his inspirational yell, 'Heffren! Hit it over the net!'"

After a long life of classes, cafeteria food, fire alarms and neon green squirt guns, Walker is entering a new phase of life, which doesn't include living with hundreds of young men and giving final exams.

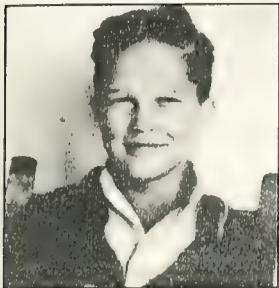
We are at the close of the interview now, and I ask Walker if there is anything he regrets about the choices he's made during his life. After a long pause, Coach Walker clears his throat, shakes his head, and quotes baseball player Satchel Page, "Don't look over your shoulder, someone might be gaining on you."



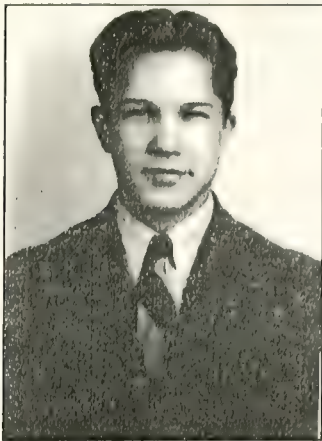
Walker and Jeanes examine the buffalo the college gave him at the alumni weekend luncheon held in Walker's honor in November.

Photo by Jason Harville

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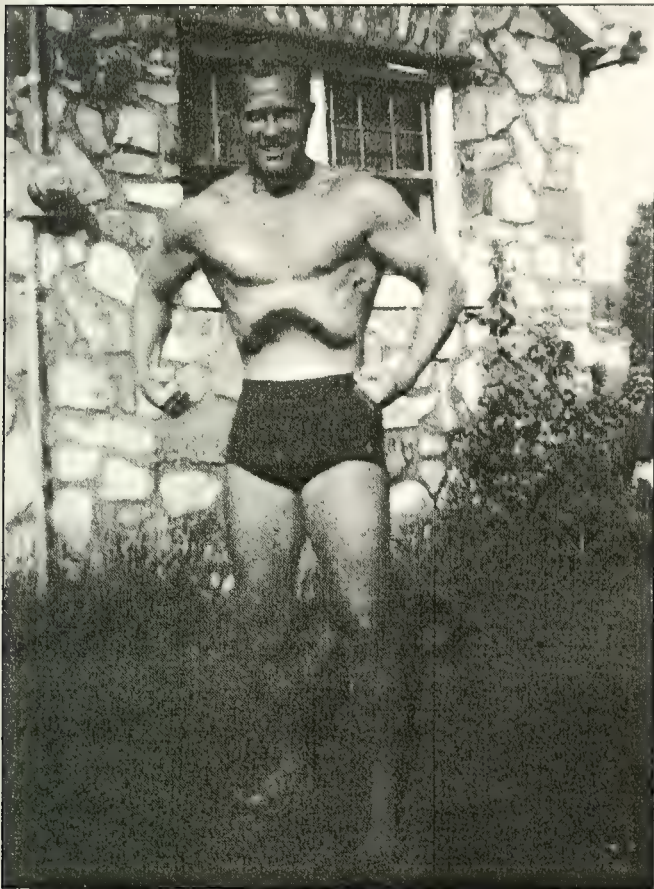
Duard Walker as a boy.



Walker, when he first came to Milligan.



Walker and wife, Carolyn.



Walker in August of 1955.



Walker and family on Hopwood steps on Carolyn and Duard's 30th wedding anniversary.



Walker and grandson.

*These are all family photos from the Walker family collection.

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FEATURES

Student starts business making bass guitars

By Sarah Small
Reporter

At least one Milligan student has decided to start his career before he gets that very expensive piece of paper in May 2002.

Junior Aaron Johnston is the founder of Johnston Basses, a two-person operation that makes electric bass guitars. So far, he has finished with four that will become his prototypes for a business that he hopes to begin after graduation.

Johnston carves all of the woodwork himself including inlays, and he routers out places for the electric components of the instrument. After that, he commissions his first bass teacher and friend, Dan Drahner, to add the electric parts. A completed bass represents about 45 hours of Johnston's work and has an asking price of \$1600.

"Generally hand-crafted instruments run from about \$1500 to \$5000, and the price has to include what I spent on parts," said Johnston when he explained his price.

He hasn't sold any of his basses yet, but he has been working on what he wants his basses to look and sound like. In the future he wants to custom-build

To begin an instrument, Johnston uses a block of maple, babingo, walnut, zebra wood, ebony or other African or exotic wood. Johnston Basses feature a book-matched top, which means that he uses a block of wood that is twice as

wanted the sound to be like than he had with the violins.

Now that the first four basses have been completed, he has decided on the three basic body styles that he wants to make. The three types of basses are

"Generally hand-crafted instruments run from about \$1500 to \$5000"

—Aaron Johnston

thick as he wants the finished instrument to be, and he cuts it long ways so that each side is a mirror image of the other. A book-matched top is a feature that is present in top-quality instruments. The two pieces are then glued together so that the outline of the instrument can be carved into the wood.

Johnston began woodworking when he was 14, and he tried making his first instrument, an electric violin, about 2 years ago. He admits that the two electric violins he made were not very high quality. The next instrument he chose was the bass because he had been playing the bass for eight years, and he knew the sound and feel of a bass better.

When Johnston began work on his first bass he knew more about what he

geared to different styles and people.

Johnston has gotten his name out into the market because Lightwave-Systems, which is the manufacturer of his electronic components, put a press release out about his work. There is also a link from the Lightwave-Systems web site to Johnston's e-mail so that prospective buyers can contact him. In the future, Johnston hopes to have his own shop where he would make his basses. He wants to keep all of the work hand done, but he hopes to hire someone to do the electric wiring. The idea of branching out to other instruments such as the guitar has crossed his mind, but he says he "would hire someone who plays the guitar to help."



Aaron Johnston takes time out from playing to display his guitar.

Photo by Sarah Small

Dr. Cook teaches, mentors and paints her pinky

By Tim Morton
Reporter

Dr. Ruth Cook always keeps one fingernail painted.

Not the sort of thing you would usually expect from a college professor.

She began teaching at Milligan in

the fall of '98. Originally hired to teach literature, she soon found herself filling roles she hadn't pictured herself in, both academically and spiritually.

Just partway through her first semester, Cook was asked by then sophomore Danielle Gudmestad to mentor a group of female students along with Dr. Pat

Magness, professor of humanities and english. She accepted and has never regretted it since.

"That group saved my life here," she said.

After moving to Tennessee from a well-established job at Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois, Cook was a bit unsure of herself in the new environment, but found inspiration in the girls who looked to her as a role model.

Gudmestad was in Cook's humanities section at the time and said she was inspired by Cook's passion for teaching.

"She's a part of what she's teaching," Gudmestad said. "She puts herself into it."

Gudmestad had been praying for a female mentor among the faculty at Milligan and said she often felt like Cook was speaking directly to her in class.

Cook believes strongly in involving Christianity in interpretation of literature, praying in class and in presenting herself to students as a "fellow struggler." She says it's important for students to know when they're down that there's someone who has gone through the same thing but has gotten up again and moved on.

She says her generation is often critical of how college students deal with situations in their lives, but believes older people need to keep communication open even if they don't agree with how the stu-

dents are handling things.

Part of Cook's role at Milligan involves being the approachable "little old lady."

She has found that many students feel intimidated by some of the other humanities professors, and so she is glad for her somewhat grandmotherly image.

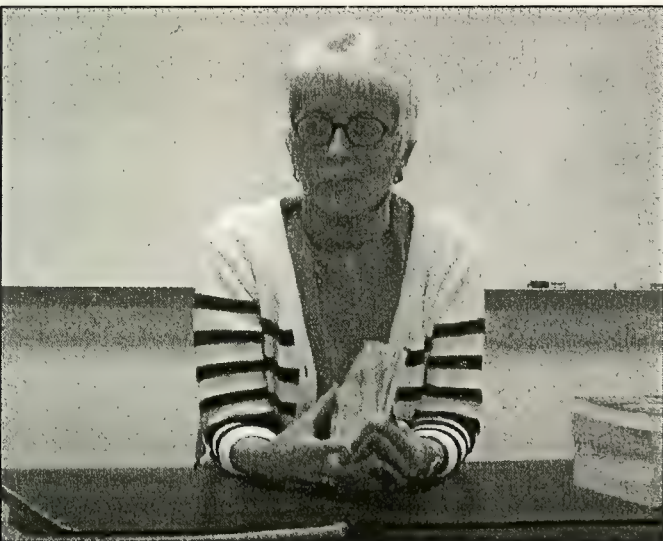
Dr. Craig Farmer, professor of history and humanities, says Cook is an important role model for a number of students.

"She has the ability to be a strong professional woman and yet have a mothering tendency," he said.

Farmer said the college hired Cook because they saw in her the broad range of expertise they were looking for in literature and writing instruction.

Cook sees herself as "a person who is passionately involved," not only in students' lives, but also in academics. She is an enthusiast for literature, whether it be Jonathan Swift or a twentieth-century lesbian poet. As associate professor of humanities, she has had to learn history as well, many times along with the students.

So why the one painted fingernail? She keeps it to remind herself to pray. And to give her a chance to share her convictions about prayer with anyone who asks what it means.



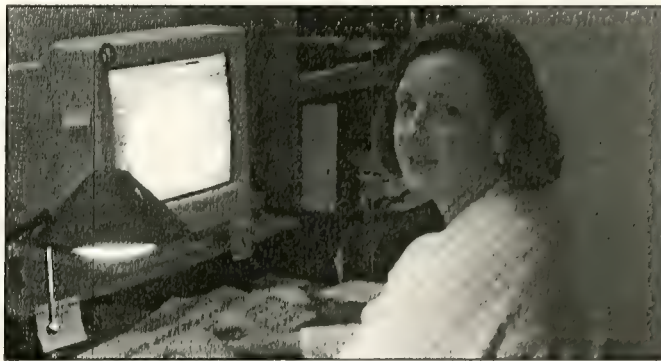
Cook begins a sophomore humanities section with a discussion of literature. She is holding Ibsen's "A Doll's House."

Photo by Regina Holtman

FEATURES

Ray gets used to her new position as director of student life

By Chad Booth
Reporter



Julie Ray at work in her office in the Student Union Building.

Photo by Robin Hamilton

Julie Ray is a very visible personality around the Milligan Campus although it may be hard to find her office. Tucked neatly away in the Student Union Building, Ray is constantly at work planning. This new addition to Milligan's faculty came on the job to fill Elisa Dunman's role as director of student life.

"I had done the residence director's job at Wheaton, and I always thought that it would be a great field to get involved with when I got back from overseas," Ray said.

Just a little over a year ago, Ray got a call from Mark Fox offering her the position based on glowing recommendations from three professors. As a 1986 graduate of Milligan and the first female student to ever preach in a Milligan chapel service, Ray was already well known by many faculty members and was familiar with the Milligan campus.

Ray grew up in Highland, Ill. only to move to Mississippi when she was 14. In all, Ray has moved 33 times in 36 years.

Ray's father was a pastor until her sixth grade year of school. Her mother was a stay-home mom until the last of the five children had graduated high school. Ray is the middle of the five children with an older brother and sister and a younger brother and sister.

"We had two Ray family rules," said Ray. "You couldn't get married until you were 23 and you had to attend a Christian college for at least one year."

Rule number one was implemented to make sure that all the children graduated college before marriage, and rule number two was a reflection of their strong family values.

Milligan was not Ray's first choice

of schools. Before transferring, Ray attended Lincoln Christian College for her first two years.

"I was planning to be a missionary. All I ever wanted to do was be a missionary, so I went there first more for that than as an obligation to the family," said Ray.

Of the five children, four have attended Milligan. She made the transition to Milligan because the liberal arts program appealed to her.

Originally a missions major, Ray decided to double major in Bible and sociology instead when she discovered that it would only require a few more classes in each area to gain both degrees.

Ray, while at Milligan, was part of the Association of Christian Ministers, was a resident advisor, played on the tennis team and was an assistant in the Bible department.

She then attended Emmanuel School of Religion for one year before moving into a job as residence director for Wheaton College. The Wheaton job laid the foundation for her interest in student

life.

From Wheaton she went overseas as an English teacher to China where she picked up enough of the Chinese language to survive. She served as a personnel director in Hong Kong as well, also learning a little Cantonese. All in all, Ray spent eight years in Asia teaching and working.

She then went on to pursue a teaching career at a school in England teaching philosophy, ethics and religious studies. After four years of working 80 hours-weeks and feeling the desire to return home, Ray resigned and made her way back to the United States.

Ray was conflicted over whether or not to pursue her doctorate in psychology or to seek a job in a college setting nearby. According to her, she prayed for guidance in the decision on a Monday and received the phone call from Fox two days later.

Ray says she is currently planning several new programs to be implemented into the student's lives on Milligan's campus. With so many plans set forth,

she doesn't expect the fast-paced life to which she has become accustomed to to slow down any time soon.

Although it is not yet finalized, Ray is making strides to better prepare students to be leaders and make Milligan a student-driven campus. Ray is designing a leadership development course for incoming freshmen.

The course will revolve around teaching teamwork and leadership. Guest speakers will be brought in to give advice on honing leadership abilities and working as a team. There will be activities to serve as demonstrations of the techniques.

If all goes as planned, the course will take place the week before school begins and will wrap up before the start of regular classes.

As director of student life, Ray is responsible for practically all student activities on campus. Her duties are really three different jobs combined into one. She currently oversees 16 clubs and no less than 45 organizations.

Her primary job includes serving as a mentor to the SGA, overseeing all clubs and organizations and the convocation services.

A secondary part of her job is overseeing residence life. Milligan is a residential campus and thus, Ray wants to create a real comradery between the residents.

The final part of her job is that of service-learning. Ray is involved with the Volunteer Action Center and oversees the Excellency of Christ Scholars here on campus. One facet of the service-learning job is creating partnerships with the community to make commitments to enhance student learning.

"My real goal is to get students doing more," she said.

Christmas Dinner Pics



The Christmas dinners cast and crew.

Photo by Jason Harville



Members of the choir in action.

Photo by Jason Harville



Christan McKay and Adam Meyers perform for the crowd.

Photo by Jason Harville

NEWS

Hart prepares hearty thanksgiving food baskets

By Chistan McKay
Reporter

Hart Hall residents donated a little time and money before Thanksgiving break to provide six families at the West Main Street Christian Church with Thanksgiving meal baskets.

"It just made me really happy to see all the baskets, because I know they will bring a lot of joy to people who maybe would not have had such a happy Thanksgiving," said Resident Assistant Alina Best. "It's such a little sacrifice for us and such a big deal to them."

Hart Hall Resident Director Betsy Magness and her husband Ethan, along with the dorm's resident assistants, organized the collection of food and money for the baskets.

"We got in touch with a local congregation," said Resident Assistant Christy Lewis. "We asked them to find five or six families who needed help with their Thanksgiving."

Each of the six baskets contained two cans of cranberry sauce, two cans of green beans, two cans of corn, rolls, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, pie crust and pie filling as well as a turkey or a gift certificate for the families to purchase a turkey.

Resident assistants took the baskets



Shopping for baskets, from left to right: Campus Minister Nathan Flora and Hart Hall RA's Portia Morrison, Gina Wells, Alina Best and Christina Hensley.

Photo by Betsy Magness

to West Main Street Christian Church, where ministers distributed the food to needy members of the congregation.

"They [West Main Street Christian Church] gave them to one person who is a staff member there on a tight budget

and the rest to the families of some of the children there," Betsey Magness said. "They have a really good children's ministry there."

Dorm residents volunteered to give certain food items or a monetary contri-

bution to aid in the purchase of turkeys. If girls did not want to give money, they could also help by putting together baskets.

"We asked girls on each floor to volunteer to bring Thanksgiving food and we put them together in a basket and deliver them to the church on Tuesday, November 21," Lewis said.

Magness said one of the main appeals of this type of project was that residents could get involved in different ways.

"This was something that people could get involved in on several different levels, actually giving stuff or just giving money or helping put the baskets together," she said.

Magness said that they started the collection in order to provide a service outside the dorm, instead of internally.

"Basically the big thing for the dorm staff, the R.A.'s and myself was that we do so much that is focused inward on the girls in Hart, that we thought it would be good to do something that focused on the community," Magness said. "We wanted to put together the effort of everyone in the dorm toward something that helped people outside the dorm."

Pictorial history of Johnson City released

The Milligan Campus Bookstore has joined with Johnson City to help give back a glimpse of the area's past. "Greater Johnson City: A Pictorial History" has gone on sale exclusively in the bookstore to tell 150 years worth of the regions beginning to its present date. The 232 pages of pictures are showing more than just the apartment complexes and area businesses of the present but a view from the birth of Johnson City itself.

The actual book itself was written by a former Milligan College employee, city historian Ralph Stahl. Stahl spent 18 years as a public relations and business manager on campus, now to give a book of this nature back for area sale.

Johnson City Press journalist, Tom Hodge spoke of the book as "the most concerted effort to support that history with pictures which are most revealing about our city."

The final 200 copies are on sale in the Milligan College Campus Bookstore. For more information contact them at 461-8733.

Reporting by Mary Beth Ellis

Milligan to graduate 24 in Dec. ceremony

By Christopher Eger
Reporter

For the first time, Milligan College is offering seniors who have completed their coursework the opportunity to participate in a December graduation ceremony.

The present fall semester marks the final semester for 40 seniors at Milligan. In years past, these 40 students would be required to return to Seeger Chapel in early May in order to participate in their class' graduation ceremony. This school year, students finishing early are being given the option of participating in the traditional ceremony in May or officially graduating in December.

Of the 40 seniors, only 16 are foregoing December graduation. And 10 of those 16 have chosen not to participate even in May. The remaining six wish to graduate with their entire class in the spring. Of the 24 seniors participating in December, 20 of them are occupational therapy students. This December's ceremony will mark the first class of O.T. to graduate from Milligan since the program was introduced here.



Last May's graduation ceremony housed 159 graduates and their families, overflowing Seeger Auditorium. This December's graduation will lower that number to a projected 108 for the coming May, according to the assistant registrar and director of testing, Tracy Brinn.

Brinn is responsible for making sure all students have completed coursework, have valid credits and are provided with graduation gowns, diploma covers and diplomas.

"It's going to make it a lot easier on everyone to have this option available," she said.

Other reasons for the change include that seniors completing their coursework in December are no longer left with the single option of returning to Tennessee and graduating in May. This is expected to alleviate many problems.

"It just saves a lot of people the extra work and hassle we have had in the past," says Rita Russell, secretary of the registrar's office.

This December's graduation ceremony is scheduled for December 16 at 2:00 pm in Seeger Auditorium.

SGA honors Physical Plant workers

The Student Government Association will sponsor a Christmas breakfast for Physical Plant employees Dec. 16 at 9:30 a.m. SGA President Nevan Hooker and Chaplain Kim Becker will serve up breakfast, music, presents and prizes to thank the staff for the work they do throughout the year.

"They work really hard but they aren't as visible as everyone else," said Hooker.

Approximately 17 housekeeping, maintenance and grounds people will attend, according to Physical Plant Director Leonard Beattie.

"It's nice to be singled out like that and have something special done for us," Beattie said.

Hooker received broad support for the idea from the other club members, and extra budget money made the idea feasible, according to Becker.

"It's nice to know that people do notice," said Charles Brumit, a maintenance worker. "This is the only job I've ever worked on in 40 years where I didn't mind getting up and going to work in the morning."

Reporting by Melanie Lorenz

FEATURES

Matson's job as academic dean keeps him busy

by Amanda Carter

reporter

Dr. Mark Matson's office is cluttered with books scattered everywhere. His desk is filled with different plaques from several different universities such as Emmanuel. His desk contains many pictures of his family that is obviously important to him. When I sat down to interview the academic dean at Milligan, it was easy to see that he is a very busy man. I was not out to find out what it is that occupies his time.

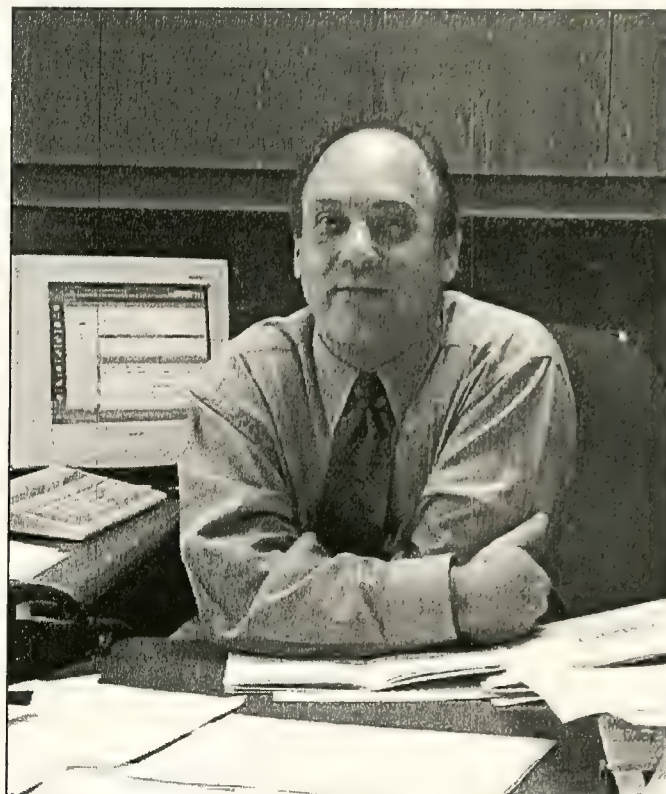
Matson grew up in Redding, Calif. His small town is about four hours north of San Francisco. He attended Humboldt State University and received a degree in accounting. For 14 years, he worked in an accounting business. In the '80's, Matson's life began to change. He became interested in church issues and made the decision to go to seminary. His decision came down to two schools, and a friend named Fife convinced him to try Emmanuel College of Religion.

"He is an exceedingly capable Bible teacher and servant of the church," Fife said. "I honor him for his mind and his devotion for Christ."

In 1983, Matson quit his job and moved to East Tennessee, and he began his studies at Emmanuel. While attending school, he worked at Milligan as a business manager.

"I had the job Ron Garland has now," Matson noted.

After graduating from Emmanuel, Matson went to Duke University and began a job working in the institute of public policy. In 1998, President Donald H. Desha contacted him about an open position at Milligan.



Matson takes a pause from his day.

Photo by Regina Holtman

tion at Milligan. The next year, Matson took the job as academic dean.

As dean, Matson has several jobs. He manages the budget, hires faculty,

handles tenures and controls the curriculum. He especially enjoys his close work with the faculty. He considers the Milligan faculty to be a strong one.

"This is a good group of faculty," said Matson. "I love engaging with them and sharing ideas."

Besides his work at Milligan, Matson finds other ways to keep himself busy. He spends a great deal of time on his study of the gospel and the different relationships between the books. He is especially fascinated with the relationship between John and Luke. Matson is currently reformatting his dissertation on this subject of the influence of the gospel of John on the book of Luke in relation to the passion narrative. He has even traveled to Salzburg, Austria to speak on this topic. In the spring, Matson will have some articles on the gospel of John published.

Matson is also busy with his personal life, as his wife and family are very important to him.

"Joy and I were high school sweethearts," Matson said. "We have been married for 29 years."

The Matsons have two living children. Their oldest daughter was killed seven years ago in a car accident. Their remaining daughter works at North Carolina University at Chapel Hill, and their son is eighteen years old. Even though the family is split with a UNC and Duke basketball rivalry, they don't let that get in the way of their time together.

Matson's friend Fife best sums up his talents as an academic dean.

"He is very conscientious and understanding of students," Fife said. "He is very person-oriented."

Start-up summer praise band gets low response

by Chad Booth

reporter

Inspired by missionaries, freshman Shannon Trousdale has been vigorously attempting to form a praise and worship band.

"We are pretty much doing it on our own," Trousdale said.

Currently, the band has no funding, outside help and they are short on members.

The band has three members but is desperately trying to find more. Trousdale is playing congo drums and singing, junior Tom Wiles is playing lead guitar and freshman Evan Overbay will be playing either bass guitar or drums, depending on where the greatest need is.

Trousdale is hoping to find enough Milligan students who have not made

plans for the summer to complete the band. They are, at the present, short by at least three members. She has not yet set a limit on how large the band will be since that doesn't seem to be an issue.

The band is still looking for volunteers for lead vocals, keyboards, either

bass guitar or drums and a computer technician to handle mechanical issues and putting song lyrics up on a screen.

Despite Trousdale's heart-felt plea in a campus-wide e-mail, "I know that God is pointing me in this direction, and I need help," she has had little response.

Trousdale was hoping to base the band on the same format of the Kentucky

Christian College band. It receives funding and support from the school to actively participate in the summer camps and spread the message of God.

Trousdale is apprehensive about pursuing funding without first making sure the band is together.

"I know that God is pointing me in this direction, and I need help."

--Shannon Trousdale

"We need to get everything together to go to administration with it," said Trousdale in her e-mail. "We need to be prepared for anything they may ask."

The endeavor would not be a financially large-scale venture since the Christian camps would provide lodging and meals. In return, the band would perform, help out as counselors and work

odd jobs around the camps.

Milligan College, in return for funding and permitting some equipment to be borrowed for the summer, would receive free advertisement for the college in the form of representatives doing the Lord's work and being positive influences on young minds.

"We would help lukewarm teens realize what they are doing and show them the love of God," Trousdale said.

Trousdale said that she has one camp in particular where she would like to help out—Camp Illiana in Washington, Ind.—but the group would travel to several more across the country.

If Trousdale can get the support needed, she will approach administration with a plan for the summer activities. However, the project may have to be postponed if the group cannot get enough members or any support.

FEATURES

What happens when home isn't home anymore

By Regina Holtman
Editor-in-Chief

"Where are you from?" It seems like such a simple question, but that simple sentence catches me off guard every time someone innocently asks me.

Where am I from? Well, I don't know right now. My parents recently moved from the northern Virginia, the place where I spent my high school years, to a suburb of Atlanta, where I will now spend my breaks from college. So am I from Virginia or Georgia? Maybe I'm from Tennessee, since that's where I spend nine months out of the year on my education, at Milligan College.

Where is home to any college student, for that matter?

Dr. Bert Allen, the director of counseling at Milligan, defines home by working backward through defining a homeless person.

"A homeless person is a person without a place to call his or her home, that is safe, where he or she can feel a sense that 'this is mine,'" he explained. "So home must be a place of one's own, where one can feel safe and gain nourishment. Maybe home is like a sanctuary."

Dr. Gary Petiprin, the director of counseling at nearby Eastern Tennessee State University, told me that home is where a person feels comfortable.

"I would think that most people tend to think of home as where they have a sense of belonging and connection," he said.

Defining home got complicated for Milligan junior Ashley Greer when her parents told her that they were moving from Houston to St. Croix, in the Virgin Islands.

"I call Milligan my home, but I think that it is more like having dual-citizenship in two countries. In college, I have dual-homeship."

—Ashley Greer

"When my parents first told me they were going to move sometime in the future, I was thrilled - mostly because of the location of the possible move! But as the date got closer and more definite, I found that I was actually not ready to leave my Houston home of 10 years," she said.

Her parents and brother moved during the summer, but Greer had to stay in Houston longer as she waited to leave for a college-sponsored tour of Europe. She said it really hit her that Houston wasn't home anymore when the rest of her family had moved from the house and she remained there by herself.

"My house no longer seemed so much like a home to me when I returned

to it without my family," Greer said. "I realized that although my roots are so deep in Houston, home to me is really wherever the parents are."

Petiprin said that though Greer connects home with her parents, some students might not feel the same way.

"If you are close to your family, then it makes sense that home transfers when

peers," he said. "To extend the analogy, they almost have a family with their faculty as parents."

Natalie Alexandar, a senior in Bucknell's engineering program, says that sometimes she calls her dorm room home, but that doesn't necessarily mean she is attached to the college.

"After coming back to school from my home in Maryland, I do call to say that I am home safely," she said. "But at the end of the semester, I never have any trouble saying good-bye to my room."

Greer said she has concluded that it is possible to have two homes.

"I call Milligan my home, but I think that it is more like having dual-citizenship in two countries. In college, I have dual-homeship," she said.

So where is home to me? I'm torn. I am comfortable at Milligan, but I don't like that the college is far from a big city. My parents live in Georgia, but I hate the heat there. I still have a strong feeling of connection with Virginia, but it's not the same with out my parents. However, I have developed an answer when people ask me that dreaded question, "Where are you from?" I pause and then say, "a couple places, but my parents live in Atlanta." I guess I am blessed with multiple homes.

Judge Sharp revisits Milligan, teaches Supreme Court class

By Christan McKay
Reporter

"I like my job. It's indoors and there's no heavy lifting," joked U.S. District Judge Allen Sharp during his speech in Milligan's chapel Tuesday, November 14.

This year he also addressed the entire student body and pondered the concept of "God and Caesar."

"The question comes for Christian people that challenges them to determine what they should do in the face of state sponsored evil," Sharp said. "This comes when public policies are contrary to basic Biblical morality."

Sharp gave the example of Alexander Campbell who stood up against slavery at a time when most people owned slaves in the United States. He said that Campbell did so out of Christian moral judgment.

Sharp also said that he feels it is not a violation of church and state for Christian people to express their moral convictions about public issues and politics, but that the church can stand up against the suppression of truth.

Sharp quoted Albert Einstein, saying, "During World War II, only the

church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign to suppress truth."

Sharp also discussed a recent case in which the Supreme Court ruled against student led prayers at football games. He contrasted this ruling with the ideas of the founding fathers and the establishment clause of the First Amendment. Sharp recalled the call for prayer by George Washington in Congress.

"This is the same Congress that passed the Bill of Rights," said Sharp. "Honorable and dedicated and sincere people can have intense disagreements."

For the past four years Sharp visited Milligan to teach a course in the Supreme Court. His course this year, a two-week political science class entitled "The Supreme Court and Religion," discussed the Supreme Court's decisions dealing with the subject of religion both past and present, specifically the "free exercise and establishment" clauses of the first amendment.

"I come to this place [Milligan] out of a deep respect for its traditions," said Sharp. "I come to renew my own faith. I even taught one day when the lights went out. I wanted to leave, but of course the students wanted to stay in the dark."

"Sharp brings an insider's view of the relationship of government, especial-

ly in federal courts dealing with what has become an increasingly delicate and sensitive subject in our society-religion," said Mark Peacock, assistant professor of legal studies at Milligan. "We are all familiar with this topic and the voices that have been raised. Sharp is a knowledgeable student and scholar of the Supreme Court system."

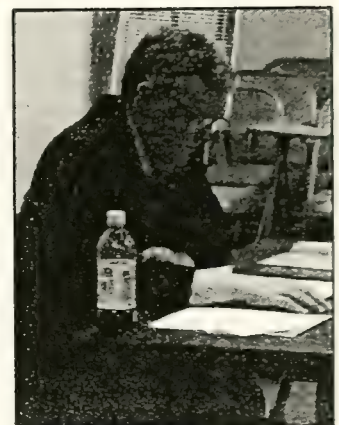
Sharp is no stranger to court cases involving religion. As recently as last fall he ruled that a public monument in Indiana inscribed with the Ten Commandments did not violate the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, because it commemorated the rule of law and justice rather than promoting religion.

President Richard Nixon appointed Sharp to his position October 11, 1973, according to the United States District Court Northern District of Indiana website. He also served as a judge in the Appellate Court of Indiana, now called the Court of Appeals, for five years, and practiced law in Williamsport, Indiana.

Sharp was also lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1957 to 1984.

He attended Indiana State Teachers College and George Washington University. He holds a jurist doctorate

from Indiana University, a masters of arts in history from Butler University, and an honorary doctor of civil laws degree from Indiana State University. He is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, Bar Association on the Seventh Federal Circuit, and Indiana Judges Association.



Judge Sharp teaches the Supreme Court and Religion class in Derthick.

Photo by Rob Hammon

VIEWS

So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye



By
Chris
Tomeo

Community Editor

I'm not sure what to say here.

I'm supposed to be profound, reflective. This is, after all, my farewell column.

I will graduate in one week. It took me six years (including some time off) to graduate from Milligan.

I attended nearly 200 chapel/convo services.

I ate approximately 1536 meals in Milligan's cafeteria (allow me to recommend the open-faced turkey sandwich).

I sat through something like 100 humanities lectures—maybe fewer.

I purchased almost \$3000 worth of textbooks.

I incurred countless parking fines in my time here at Milligan.

I played for three intramural championship teams and three runner-ups.

I was the first to dress up in the buf-

falo costume and dance around like an absolute idiot at a basketball game.

I officially dated only two girls at Milligan and married the one that caught my eye on the first day of school.

I smoked too many Marlboro Lights, slept through too many classes and drank too many cups of burnt Waffle House coffee during my time at Milligan.

I swam naked in Milligan's pool twice.

I marched unsuspecting freshmen up the hill in the middle of the night to serenade the girls' dorms twice.

I was called into Dean Derry's office twice.

I was never nominated for the sweetheart convo.

I never made out in Sutton Lobby or in a dugout at the baseball field.

I never starred in a school play, I never made the dean's list and I never ran for a seat in the student government.

My mug never graced the front of one of those Milligan College brochures.

My career as a college student was pretty average.

So, what did I learn? That's what you want me to tell you, right? You are

waiting for the soon-to-be-graduate to drop a pearl of wisdom into your lap. Well, I'm not sure I have one.

What did I learn at college? Lots of stuff.

I learned that the Woman of Willendorf isn't a famous German prostitute.

I learned that I am not good at math.

I learned that, despite his age, Duard Walker can annihilate anyone in a game of badminton.

I learned that, whether or not anyone can understand them, both Faulkner and T.S. Eliot really did have a point.

I learned that I am a pragmatist (when it's convenient).

I learned that when a professor says that something is due, or that you should come to class, they aren't just kidding.

I learned how to play the piano.

I learned how to write a news story.

I learned that not everyone thinks practical jokes are as funny as I do.

I learned that almost everyone thinks that public nudity is funny.

I learned that a Ramones cover actually goes over quite well in vespers.

I never learned how to properly use

the word ubiquitous.

I learned how to write 500 words without actually saying anything.

College, like anything I guess, is what you make of it. I know you are wanting more.

Here's where I get sappy. Forgive me for being boring, forgive me for being cliché, but what I got out of college were some amazing friends. I can't say it more plainly.

I will never be able to expound on European socialism, but I will never forget the time Nate and I jumped off the Blue Hole in January. I will never remember how to do a logarithm, but I will never forget the small fire that Stephanie and I built at the Laurels.

Nate, Ray, Micah, Jo Ellen and, of course, Stephanie. This is what I got out of college.

John Lennon said it best: "I don't believe in Beatles, I just believe in me." The quote doesn't even relate, but it's always good to end an intense piece of writing with a provocative quote.

PEACE! I'M OUTTA HERE!"

Student film, 'The Screen' worth going to see

By Nathaniel Poling

Reporter

Garrison and Mann spin a masterpiece in their debut film "The Screen" scheduled to be publicly released Friday night December 8 at 7:30 in Seeger Chapel. "The Screen" is an intriguing film portraying average life with a twist. The duo successfully balances opposites fusing the ordinary with the extraordinary, humor with suspense and the mundane with excitement.

Cameron Jarrett (Chad Garrison) is an average college guy living an average life. There is nothing special about him. The only notable thing about him is that he is routinely routine and very good at it. Garrison is superb as the main character and narrator, projecting just enough credibility for the members of the audience to empathize with him. Jarrett's routine life takes an unscheduled turn when he accepts \$1 million from a company that wants to turn his life into a TV show by recording his daily life with hidden cameras. Jarrett, always feeling insignificant before, finds out first hand what it is really like to be in the spotlight.

Jarrett's friends, Chaz Malibu (Kyle Dincler) and Taylor Golds (Kipp Dincler) give excellent performances as handsome studs that get all the women and who love to party. Gabe Miller (Andy Hull) is an interesting character study whose passions are split between alcohol and studying. His studying methods are clearly counterproductive as he repeatedly attempts to enlighten what functioning brain cells he has left after

getting hammered the night before. The beautiful and occasionally seductive Susan Overman (Karrie Smith) provides the movie's romantic spark. Smith's honest acting fits very well into the fabric of the story, conveying the right amount of emotion to create a mood without constantly being melodramatic.

All the film's characters support and work with each other very well, contributing immensely to its success as a whole. The rest of the supporting cast does a phenomenal job in their supporting roles. Ares (Russ Hertzog) and Pluto (Scott Linn) especially are notable in their excellent representations of the stereotypical slick-suited thug.

Unfortunately, after an impressive and dizzying introduction, the movie begins very slowly and at some early points maybe even drags. However, Garrison and Mann do an excellent job of remedying the situation by creating a crescendo effect where the movie gains momentum as the plot progresses, finally climaxing in intense action scenes that hold the audience's full attention. Many parts of the movie are hilarious. However, several crude jokes about STD's and a 16-year-old girl are quite unnecessary if not somewhat offensive.

Perhaps what makes this film so notable is not its action scenes but its approach in dealing with real life, especially college life in an honest straightforward way. The film deals with the shallowness of appearances by looking at the party scene and focusing specifically on alcohol and sex. Rather than support



Chad Garrison, playing Cameron Jarrett, stars in his own film.

Promo photo

this lifestyle, the producers repeatedly push the message (subtly and sometimes not so subtly) that an individual reaps the consequences of his/her own actions. Whether intentional or not, this underlying Christian theme gives the film a distinguishing moral character.

The producers also delve deep into the psychological real by bringing up the ageless questions, "What is real and is our perception of reality real?" Similarly, Garrison and Mann also address the circular issue of distinguishing dreams from reality and reality from dreams. As in most cases, the question proves to be extremely complex. This film causes members of the audience stop and think about life more seriously.

The photography and choreography

of "The Screen" are impressive, utilizing interesting camera angles and fully exploring the use of light. (Though the night scenes do tend to be too dark at times.) The soundtrack is appropriate, sometimes soft and at other times hard and driving. Also interestingly notable is that certain images and ideas bring to mind other films such as "The Blair Witch Project", "The Matrix" and "The Usual Suspects."

Garrison and Mann are extremely impressive in their film debut. They use solid and creative film technique, good casting and acting and an intriguing story to produce a good quality low-budget film. "The Screen" is not perfect, but nevertheless a solid work that is definitely worth seeing.

IEWS

Been there...done that.



By
**NATALIE
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Managing Editor

I am spoiled. I bet you're spoiled too. I drew this conclusion about four weeks ago when I realized I have so many things that I don't need. Hear me out.

I recently saw an older man, sitting alongside exit 31, beside the onramp of 181 that is southbound to North Carolina. His hair was black and greasy, and I could tell by the stubble on his face he hadn't shaved in weeks. A brown cardboard sign was perched up against his crossed, anorexic legs that read, "Please help me. God Bless." The dirt under his fingernails displayed that he hadn't bathed in quite some time, and when he approached me for conversation, I smelled a stench that smelled like a mixture of vinegar and raw eggs.

Bennett, age 50, is homeless. He has lived without a home and occasional food on the streets for 20 years. I became extremely downhearted when I was informed that Bennett had not eaten for three days. Well Benny ate the day I bought him a number three value meal from Long John Silvers, and I could tell by the sound of a loud belch that his belly was full. I never thought I could feel such

satisfaction from hearing a grown man burp.

There are others like Bennett who do not eat as often as they would like or have a roof to cover their heads during the cold winter nights. I have driven in my Blazer, throughout the streets of Johnson City and seen them. Their appearance is sporadic. Some stand motionless on the downtown street corners. Some sit on the hillside beside the

Two trends are largely responsible for the rise in homelessness over the past 15-20 years, including a growing shortage of affordable rental housing along with a simultaneous increase in poverty.

Homelessness and poverty are inextricably linked. Poor people are frequently unable to pay for housing, food, child care, health care and education. Difficult choices must be made when limited resources cover only some of these

ness

I am spoiled. I can shower as many times a day as I want to. If I am hungry I can run to Taco Bell or order a pizza from Papa John's. If I wake up in the middle of the night with a chill, I can get up and adjust the thermostat. I am spoiled. I wish I could spoil the millions of people who are not.

In essence, what can we do to help these poor and unfortunate human beings? How can I make myself less spoiled? One of the most effective ways to aid the homeless is by simply taking time out of your busy schedule for the following. Donate money, canned foods, recyclable goods, clothing or even a bag of groceries to your local organization or church that helps the homeless. Two local organizations that aid the homeless include, the Melting Pot, located at Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church at 201 East Market Street and Haven of Mercy, located at 122 West Milliard Street. You could also carry fast food certificates around instead of handing out money or volunteer at a local shelter or soup kitchen.

We will probably never see an end to homelessness, but if we work together, we can make a difference in many homeless people's lives. Even if it is just one more mouth fed, or one more body clothed, we can still make a difference in our simple and humble efforts. Go make someone's day today- man does it feel good.

"Even if it is just one more mouth fed, or one more body clothed, we can still make a difference in our simple and humble efforts."

public library. Others sleep on a bench curled up in a blanket under the bus station waiting areas. This observance unnerves me greatly. I have asked myself time and time again, "How does something like this happen?"

According to the National Coalition for Homelessness, homelessness results from a complex set of circumstances that require people to choose between food, shelter and other basic needs. Only a concerted effort to ensure jobs that pay a living wage, adequate support for those who cannot work, affordable housing and access to health care will bring an end to homelessness.

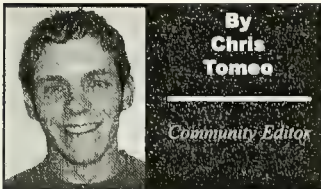
In our nation, there are two million yearly, according to the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty.

necessities. Often it is housing, which absorbs a high portion of income, that must be dropped.

While waiting in line in the drive through to order Benny's food, I asked him if he had any friends who might be hungry. His eyes lit up when he told me about two of his close friends who drank so much, that they often forgot to eat.

Benny's friends are not alone with their problems. Particularly within the context of poverty and the lack of affordable housing, certain additional factors may push people into homelessness. These factors include, lack of affordable health care, domestic violence, mental illness and drug and alcohol addictions. Domestic violence and mental illness also contribute to the rise in homelessness.

Demanding eaters are destroying dinner parties



By
**Chris
Tomeo**

Community Editor

My wife Stephanie and I love to entertain. But it seems to be getting harder and harder to do so lately. It has very little to do with busy schedules. It has everything to do with picky eaters.

Judith Martin is a syndicated columnist known better by her alias, Miss Manners.

"Hospitality is something very basic to civilization," said Martin in a Washington Post article. "Food fussing is a major contribution to the demise in entertaining."

It's true. Everyone seems to have restrictions on what they will eat. How is a host supposed to make a meal for a

houseful of guests when each person in the room prefers a different diet? Vegetarian or vegan diets, low-fat or high-protein diets and the ever popular Atkins' "no-carb" diet make preparing a meal to be shared an activity to dread.

Having dinner guests should be more about socializing and less about what you eat. I wish I could write it in the sky.

"How is a host supposed to make a meal for a houseful of guests when each person in the room prefers a different diet?"

Here is a message to picky eaters everywhere: Being a dinner guest in someone's home doesn't entitle you to an opinion on what is served. The hosts don't owe you anything. I hate to be so harsh about it, but come on. Lighten up.

A few months ago Stephanie and I invited some friends of ours, a newly

wed couple, over for dinner. Stephanie worked really hard to prepare a fabulous five-course meal, but it was apparent that all of her efforts were for naught when we sat down at the table. Our guests ate salad. That's all they would eat. It had nothing to do with a health concern. They were trying a new diet that conflicted with the meat-and-potato masterpiece that Stephanie had slaved over. To

add salt (or perhaps a low-sodium salt substitute) to our wounds, the couple brought their own salad dressing.

A friend of mine once made a very simple but profound comment about the apparent lack of courtesy shown by these fussy eaters, "It's called graciousness."

It sometimes amazes me how much

can be said in so few words.

He's absolutely correct. I detest mushrooms. Saute them, deep-fry them in batter, do whatever you like to them, but I will still hate them. If I go to your house for dinner, however, and you serve them, I will eat them without even a grimace.

There are, I'll admit, some legitimate medical or philosophical reasons to avoid certain foods. I would never ask my mother to eat tomatoes. Her allergies would make her break out like a 13-year old fry cook at McDonald's. I have several Jewish friends, and I would never ask them to break a religious law and eat something I cook just to accommodate me.

What I ask is that people not forget what get-togethers are all about. I ask that people remember that although it's called a dinner table, it's actually less about dinner and more about the conversation that takes place over a huge pile of meatloaf and mashed potatoes with real butter.

VIEWS

Krishana talks of her mountain top experiences in internship



By
Krishana Kraft

Columnist

Last year's Stampede editor-in-chief will return to Milligan next semester from her internship at Brio Magazine, a Focus on the Family publication for teen girls.

So, the time has come for me to pack up my books, clothes, boxing gloves and tons of memories. Boxing gloves? Yep, I took a kickboxing class this semester...watch out Professor Dahlman. I knew coming to Colorado Springs would be a stretching experience, but I didn't

realize that it would stretch me in all areas of my life—physical, mental, emotional and spiritual.

For a month I was stretched Monday, Wednesday and Friday in a local kickboxing class with both Marty and Susie from the Brio staff. For an hour my muscles were worked and afterwards I felt like I could conquer the world. (It could just be the gloves.)

Although, my brain was one of the most important muscles stretched this semester. During class, my professors would discuss topics like postmodernism, marriage, discipleship and having a family. The passion they had about their area of expertise left me hungering for more. I realized that many times I took learning for granted. Taken out of my routine at Milligan, I now see how the learning aspect is definitely more important than the grades. What is it

worth, spending money on education, if we don't really soak it all in?

Emotionally? I would say that this experience would be a "mountaintop experience," so when you realize that the valley is ahead all kinds of emotions occur. The view will be a lot different in the valley. When I return to Milligan, will I really be the same person that lived on the mountain for a semester? Or will I transform like Superman did back to Clark Kent? I guess you will be the judge of that.

Things on the mountain seemed a lot clearer, or maybe my eyesight got better. God stretched me spiritually as I was forced to look at why I believe what I believe. I saw myself in the past taking Christians at their word, not based on what they said or wrote, but simply because they claimed to be followers of Christ. I realize I need to take their word

and filter it through the Word. Just because a can is labeled fresh peaches doesn't mean that they will genuinely be fresh. If the can wasn't sealed correctly or it has been sitting on the shelf for 20 years, then you might find rotten peaches. We need to examine the inside contents before taking a bite.

It is so easy to go into this experience thinking that when I come out I will have all the answers. Yet, now I leave with more questions. But what is amazing to me is that I have an eternity to ask questions and seek answers.

I return to Milligan as Krishana Kraft, a 5-foot-3-inch, petite, young lady with brown hair and brown eyes, who still loves Starbucks' Frappuccinos. Yet my heart is different. And that's what this journey has been all about.

The SGA President gives his spin on the unprecedented presidential struggles



By
Nevan Hooker

Columnist

Students, faculty and administration at Milligan watched television, surfed the web and called friends on Tuesday, November 7th and into the next day anticipating the announcement of a new President of the United States of America. In the days to follow, what they got was an inside look at the flaws of the media and of politics in America. On Wednesday morning newspapers across the world had published headlines that read, "Bush Wins." Student cheers were heard across campus as Milligan students, the majority of whom are Bush supporters, witnessed short clips on different news shows congratulating George W. Bush as the winner. Mass confusion then followed, as these concessions were recalled.

Enter the Florida contingency. Two pundits on MSNBC claimed early the night of the election, that it wasn't important that Gore win his home state as well as President Clinton's home state. They were quickly reminded later in the evening that it was important, because if he had won those states he wouldn't be in the predicament. This is just one example of the many ways that members of the media were exposed for what they are—just people with opinions who sometimes don't think the most clearly. The media is not a god to be revered. Nor a dictionary to be relied on as the basis of all

things. Yes, the media is not perfect because it is comprised of humans, just like you and me. Yes, the election wasn't covered the best that it could have been, but that wasn't the media's fault.

Was this really a flaw in the whole voting process? Is it a bad thing to have such a tight race for the President of the United States of America? Is it a bad thing to have a close election? Quite the opposite. Democracy is alive and well, and we all have a voice.

President Bill Clinton said that the hotly contested battle to succeed him not only was "not a crisis," but could turn out to be "quite good" for the United States.

"This is not a crisis in the American system of government," Clinton said, adding: "It will come to an end in plenty of time for the new president to take the oath of office."

"But don't assume that no matter who wins and no matter what happens, it's going to be bad for America. It might be quite good, because it might be sobering for the country to realize we're in a completely new era," he stressed.

Talk of abolishing the Electoral College has followed, including support for such action by Hillary Clinton, the newly elected Senator to New York. However, just because we have a close election does that constitute abolishing a very important principle in our government? The Electoral College is not the problem, therefore it won't be the solution. The Electoral College is alive and well, and isn't going to be going away for quite some time. This election is about more than just who will be our next President, but who will lead our country into this new era. It seems that it would be more troubling for the two major political parties in the United States to

see one candidate win by a complete landslide. Because it was such a close race, it conveys the message that there were two very good candidates and both with people whom believed in them and supported them. Is that such a bad thing? Should that create such a problem? No. It should spur us to become more involved and for more people to let their voice be heard. It should make us better people and a better nation.

Things such as this that bring us out

of our comfort zone are obviously uncomfortable for us, but can work for good. There is so much more riding on this election than a President. It is not just about George W. Bush and Al Gore. It is not just about democrats and republicans. It is not just about our governmental system. It is about us as a people and where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going. Don't rush to judge this election just yet. Time will change all things.

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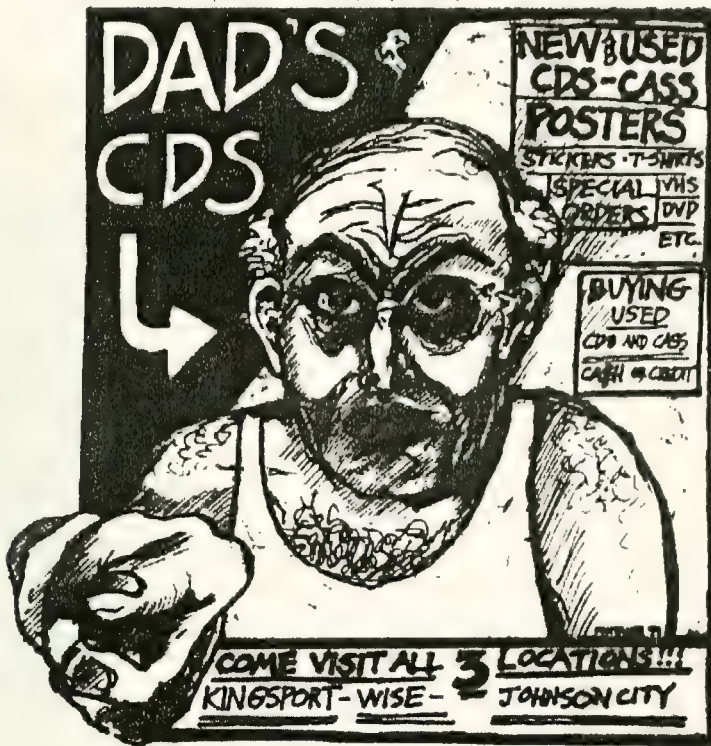


Freshman Andrew Hopper sits on shoulders to catch a picture of George W. Bush at the rally at the Tri-Cities airport in October.

Photo by Ashley Greer

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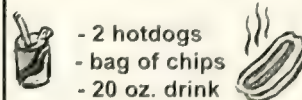
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Derthick to receive facelift this spring

By Chad Booth
News Editor

The Christmas holiday was good to Milligan in the form of several financial commitments to the college, according to Todd Norris, vice president for institutional advancement. One of the first uses for the generous donations will be the renovation of Derthick Hall scheduled for later this spring.

Milligan has hired Architect Tony Street to design the plans and oversee construction. Street is part of Beeson Lusk & Street Inc., located in Johnson City. His most familiar work to Milligan students is the renovation of Hardin Hall.

Street anticipates that they will begin to entertain bids as early as March and hope to start the renovation process as soon as classes adjourn in May.

"It will have to be done in phases to maintain use of the building," Street said.

According to Street, the renovation could take anywhere from twelve to sixteen months. The plan is to do the interior work while the students are away and undertake the exterior alterations while classes are in session.

According to Dr. Mark Matson, academic dean and associate professor of bible, the renovation will dramatically change both the interior and exterior of the building. Matson is a member of the committee that has been responsible for making suggestions as to the renovations of the building's interior.

"The outside is going to end up getting and entirely new brick facing," Matson said.

President Jeanes, who is overseeing the renovation process, said an engineer has forewarned that large cracks in the brick facing are signs of deterioration that will lead to severe problems if not corrected.

Jeanes added that the building would also benefit with a new roofline that will be pitched as opposed to the current flat roof. In addition, all of the windows in the building will be replaced with more efficient windows.

According to Matson, the southern face of Derthick, (the side which faces the science building) will be completely altered.

"It will have an expanded porch with a curved walkway coming out to give it a far more sense of presence in that direction," Matson said.

The western face of the building will benefit greatly as well. The current blueprints show that the empty space wasted on the back porch will be utilized in the form of new bathrooms.

"We are going to be adding some new walls to go out to the pillars so that it will all be flush," Matson said.

The plumbing in Derthick has declined and the new bathrooms will solve the plumbing problem and provide more space with the reconfiguring of the old facilities, according to Matson.

A common complaint in the past has been the temperature in the classrooms and the inability to regulate it. Matson said that this problem has not eluded them.

"There will be new heating and air conditioning put in," said Matson. "That



Derthick before renovation begins



Blueprints for Derthick upcoming renovation

should help with that September sizzle."

Matson said another result of the renovation would be the reconfiguration of a number of classrooms throughout the building. Several labs, such as the language lab and computer lab may be moved. Matson assures that these will be minor changes and should not have a detrimental effect.

Classrooms will benefit in other ways as well including new floor coverings and a fresh coat of paint.

"We hope to get some better technology in some of the classrooms."

Matson added that the plans call for doing away with the Derthick Theatre as it is now and turning part of it into a larger lecture hall. They will put the floor back in on the third floor so that it spans the entire distance of the building.

Although the renovation deprives Milligan of a theatre, Matson said, "We are absolutely committed to the theatre program."

Richard Major, professor of theatre, said he did not see the renovation as having a negative impact on the theatre program. He is prepared to deal with short-term problems caused by the removal of the theatre and feels the move is a positive step.

"I have been briefed by the President as to the renovation and how that potentially impacts the theatre program" Major said. "I think this is a very positive move in the long run for the college and the theatre program."

According to Jeanes, who reiterated Matson by saying the college was committed to the theatre program, there are already plans for a new building that will include a theatre. The reason Milligan will be without a theatre for a short time is that funding for Derthick's renovation came before the funding of the new structure. Construction on the new facility is expected to begin in three to four years depending on funding issues.

CrossRoad travelers experience challenges

By Christian McKay
Reporter

The Mexico mission trip proved to be an experience students would never forget as they were challenged in more ways than one while they traveled with CrossRoads missions.

The trip, which took place over Christmas break, Dec. 28 - Jan. 8, was far from routine as the bus broke down, the borrowed vans almost had a head-on collision, and supplies were stopped at the border.

It all started an hour into the trip as

the bus suffered from a broken axel and started to go away from its bearings, leaving the riders in a great amount of danger.

"We're driving to Knoxville in the CrossRoads bus when all of the sudden we noticed a weird squeaking noise," said Gina Wells, a senior who went to build houses. "We didn't see anything wrong, so we kept on going. Then we noticed that the wheel is outside of the bus not connected."

The difficulties did not stop there. After unloading the bus, renting vans and starting off a second time the group once again encountered a serious obstacle.



Sarah Patrick, Amanda Ruble, Portia Morrison, Nathan Pelton, and Joy Hammond take a break in front of a house in Pedras Negras

Photo by Monica Poparad

"We were just driving and all the sudden saw cars swerve off the road in front of us and we wondered what the heck was going on, said junior Monica Poparad. "Suddenly, we saw headlights

heading straight for us and had to swerve violently off the road into the desert. It was insanity because not one person in the entire van said a word; we just sat there with our mouths open. You could smell the burnt rubber."

The team made it safely to their destination only to discover that the Mexican government had thwarted their purpose.

The plan was to unload three semi-trucks full of materials for building a subdivision, but the Mexican government prohibited the entry of United States lumber. Although the group managed to get the trucks across the boarder,

FEATURES

Ray Smith takes position as athletic director

By Mary Ellis

Reporter

Duward Walker, Milligan's athletic director for almost 50 years, is retiring in May. Despite he is leaving large shoes to fill, the newly appointed athletic director, Ray Smith, appears to have the experience to handle the job.

"We are fortunate to have in place a very strong coaching and athletic department staff and I expect that Milligan will continue to excel in athletics for years to come under Ray's guidance," Walker said.

Ray Smith, former director of the Elizabethton Parks and Recreation Department and the assistant Milligan baseball coach, has the experience it takes to fill the position, as one of Milligan's finest leaves the spot.

"He's (Walker) a great man for many reasons and his shoes can't be filled," said Smith. "It will be of great value to me to be able to take up residence in Coach Walker's back pocket for these next few months and continue to learn a great deal from him."

Smith will be working very closely with Walker throughout the spring semester, along with President Don Jeanes, organizing the responsibilities given to him. President Jeanes made the

announcement at a press conference held on Jan. 11, stating that Smith would take the position on June 1, 2001.

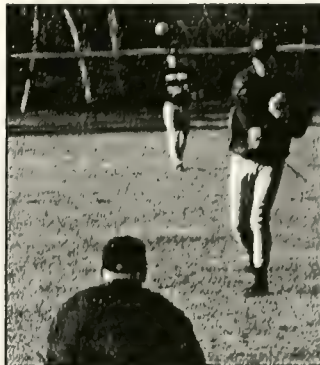
A native of San Diego, Smith received a bachelor's degree in recreation management from the University of Oregon, where he also played baseball during his college career.

Smith spent the next ten years from 1977 to 1986 as a professional baseball player with the Minnesota Twins, San Diego Padres and the Oakland Athletics organizations. In 1986, Coach Smith became one of the youngest managers when the Twins gave him a position with the rookie-level Twins' Appalachian Farm Club team.

During his position as Director of Elizabethton Parks and Recreation, his duties often included such things as upkeep, personnel management and departmental finance.

In 1998, Smith joined the Milligan College athletic staff as he became the assistant baseball coach but he also became the interim head coach as the team waited in a transition time.

Smith's duties will include giving general supervision to Milligan's coaching and sports marketing staff and being responsible for the development of the entire athletic program and facilities.



Coach Smith pitching during practice
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Profile: human exercise & performance science

By Shannon Smith

Reporter

What is HPXS? Senior Heather Mathews hears that question a lot when she tells people that she majors in human performance and exercise science. When Freshman Leslie Burke was asked what HPXS was she said with the most serious expression on her face, "That's a communication major, right?"

Actually, three different parts make up this department. They are exercise science, fitness/wellness, and education. Exercise science is the study of the movement of the body for better health and fitness. With this degree a student can become a personal trainer or work in a rehabilitation center.

Mathews chose exercise science as her emphasis.

"Each summer I volunteer at a camp for kids with muscular dystrophy," said Mathews. "They have given me so much over the years, and I want to be able to give something back to them."

She wants to be a massage therapist to help people with that disease and others with similar ailments.

Fitness and wellness focuses on maintaining health. It is also possible to

become a personal trainer with this concentration. To teach education in school a bachelor's degree in the education section is all that is needed, but a master's degree is an added bonus according to graduate student James Buchanan.

"I can get a job quicker and make more money (after graduate work)."

There are masters' degrees available in physical or occupational when asked why he choose HPXS as a major, Freshman Brandon Broyles answered plainly.

"I have always liked sports," Broyles said. "I want to coach high school."

Sophomore Andrew Howard not only liked HPXS in general but said HPXS has benefits in which you can use daily. Linda Doan, and Assistant Professor of Human Performance and Exercise Science, John Simonsen, want to inform people that HPXS is harder than it sounds. According to Doan people think they know a lot about health and fitness, but when it comes down to it they do not know all the details. HPXS involves math including biomechanics and science including exercise physiology and anatomy. But it is not all math and science.

HPXS also includes some fun partic-

ipation classes. Activity courses are required, but there is a variety to choose from including swimming and racquetball.

Here at Milligan, there is also a HPXS extracurricular club. The group tries to plan a few activities throughout the year. This year the club worked at the Bristol motor speedway to raise money.

Conferences are another factor included in this major. Six HPXS majors are headed to Columbia, S.C., this week to the ACSM, (American College of Sports Medicine) conference. The conference is an opportunity to hear guest lecturers and attend a graduate job fair.



Senior Heather Mathews and Junior Alison Matney practice sit and reach to test their flexibility
Photo by Sarah Small

Burke now understands that HPXS is not part of the communications department.

"Now that I know what HPXS stands for and what it is, it sounds like an interesting major," she concluded.

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SPORTS

Soccer program undergoes change

By Phillip Greene
Reporter

As a new year dawned, Milligan College's soccer programs underwent some changes. On January 15 Milligan announced John Garvilla, soccer coach for men and women, would be stepping down as the men's soccer head coach and concentrate his interests on the women's program. Taking over the men's program is Marty Shirley, assistant soccer coach.

"This has been something that we have been talking about for the past year to year and a half," said Mark Fox, vice president for student development. "Two separate programs, four teams, are just too much for one coach to handle. It is also a good time for Marty as far as his personal development."

Shirley also said that because he is an alumnus of Milligan, he wants to make the men's program as successful as he possibly can.

"I'm excited about this opportunity," he said. "John has developed a winning heritage here at Milligan, and I'm honored to have been chosen to continue carrying it out." Shirley also added he was eager to start training for the fall.

"I believe this program will not only win games on the pitch, but impact many young men's lives. As an alumnus, I want to make Milligan men's soccer as successful as possible," Shirley said in a Milligan press release.

Not only is Shirley's attitude posi-

tive about the change, Garvilla's is as well.

"I'm looking forward to putting all my energy into one program," Garvilla said in a Milligan press release. "For the past six years, including two at Montreat and four at Milligan, I have been coaching at least two teams. There are only a handful of soccer coaches in the country coaching both men and women's teams and it is extremely difficult to do and to maintain an extended career."

Many of the players agree that the changes will be beneficial as well.

"We are excited about the change and coach Shirley," said Junior Brian Davis. "We know that he will do a great job."

"There will definitely be some changes," added Davis. "But I think that the guys are ready to roll with the punches."

Players attitudes on the women's team, reflects the same opinions as the men.

"I feel that there are positives and negatives," said Junior Jillian Schweizer. "On one hand, I'm sure it's been disappointing for Coach Garvilla and unexpected for Coach Shirley, but this gives both teams the focus that they need and deserve."

Schweizer added she feels the team is happy with the decision.

"The most important things for us to be doing right now are to train and pray," said Davis. "Pray for the team, the

recruits, and the coaches.

"I respect Coach Shirley as a godly man and an excellent coach. This is the beginning of a new era in the program and I think we have two outstanding coaches to carry us through."

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Milligan men run over the Rams

By Lauren Keister
Reporter

The Milligan College men's basketball team traveled to Bluefield College on Saturday and returned home with another Appalachian Athletic Conference win. The Buffaloes beat the Rams 75-69.

"We were up by 15 in the first half," said Nathan Jenkins, senior guard. "We were hoping to increase our lead in the second half but Bluefield made some good shots and actually beat us in the second half."

The Buffs are first in the conference with an 8-1 record and hold a 15-4 overall record.

"Our only conference loss has been

to Covenant," said Jenkins. "We played as five individuals that day instead of as a team."

Jenkins said that since this semester began the team has really come together to win some tough games.

"I believe we have shown great improvement since the beginning of the season," added senior power forward, Caleb Gilmer.

The Buffaloes are ranked thirteenth in the nation according to the Jan. 16 ranking on the NAIA website.

Milligan will be back in action this week with an away game at King College on Jan. 23, and will be hosting Alice Lloyd College on Jan. 25.

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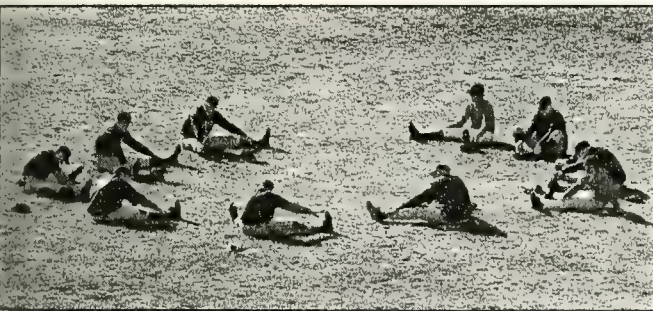
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Baseball Pics



The Milligan Baseball team at practice for their upcoming scrimmage against East Tennessee State University this Saturday at noon

Above- Buffs stretch before practice

Left- Coach Clark observes during practice.

Right- Pitcher Richard Markland reaches for a hit.



Photos by Jason Harville

EDITORIAL



Dinner...and a movie



By Nathan & Nevan

Restaurant Critics

It's high noon-lunch time, and the streets are lined with spectators. Hungry? You bet they are. This is the final draw, the quick and the dead and the wind blows tumbleweed through the streets as a tribute to former competitors. Yet, only two remain, Ridgewood and Dixie. And when the clock strikes twelve who will be standing? Or perhaps I should say, who will be serving?

When the occasion arises, which are you going to choose? Dixie or Ridgewood? Perhaps it is a business lunch, a guys/gals night out or the families in town desiring a local experience. We don't recommend them for romance, they are too messy for a first date. Dixie lies a little closer to home, "just out north Roan." While Ridgewood, worth the trip, is nestled away down the country roads between E-town and Bluff City. Either place will cost you about at least \$5-\$7. Both are small restaurants, their décor is cluttered but cozy and each reflects their own contribution to East

Tennessee culture. For a bit of Milligan trivia look closely in either restaurant and see if you can find Milligan artifacts both recent and past. A note for all you Yankee's, Dixie appears to cling to some post civil war bitterness, so beware. Enough with the nitty-gritty, now's the time for your town marshals to give you the skinny on these two outlaws.

Nevan's Pick

The deck has been stacked in Ridgewood's favor. Of course, Ridgewood has the finest, and cutest waitresses hands down. But, why else would people make such a long drive to the middle of nowhere? Maybe it is for the world famous barbecue baked beans that are rich in flavor and very thick. On the other hand, maybe it's for the hot, crispy and greasy fries unleveled by anyone else in the business, (unlike the cold fries at Dixie). No, we all know it's about the barbecue. Ridgewood is simply the best. The sliced pork sandwich is the mountain top experience, the Everest of barbecue smothered with a Texas sweat and sour barbecue sauce that has some real "Texas wang." Unlike Dixie,

only one sauce is needed to accomplish such a feat. No gimmicks necessary. Ridgewood stands the test of time and the tastebuds. As for Dixie, get a rope.

Nathan's Pick

I beg to differ with my deputy dawg, who's just a youngsta, a tenderfoot, a cowpoke dazed by the smoke and the fog. Let me tell you details of why Dixie celebrates her rival's defeat. Upon arrival, you are greeted with the sweet scent of mesquite and the smile of a waitress who will show you a seat. The waitresses are efficient but cross them and they'll sass you right back. The sweet tea is just like you like it, *East-Tennessee sweet*. My struggle is always between getting the hot seasoned fries, (bake not fried) or the sweet and moist corn bread, (low on the crumbly side). There are 12 sauces to chose from, whatever tickles your fancy, perhaps it's Devil's dew or if you're strong enough, Dave's Insanity. However, I prefer the local tomato based sauce, East Tennessee Red. It is the perfect blend of hickory and sweet. The killer bullet is this single fact, unlike other restaurants that proclaim to serve

the pulled-pork sandwich, Dixie actually does (Ridgewood serves sliced). This fact alone makes eating barbecue a dining friend not a foe. Thus, the hickory sweet sandwich melts in your mouth Dixie, "It's a southern thing," you either understand it, respect it or reject it. Just know I'm a big fan.

The marshals are split down the middle, the decision's a draw. It's for you to decide.

That's it for this week's restaurant review. Stay tuned for more information for your dining pleasure.



The Dixie Barbecue open and ready to serve lunch. Photo by Nevan Nevan

Now on to the entertainment...

By Nathan Poling

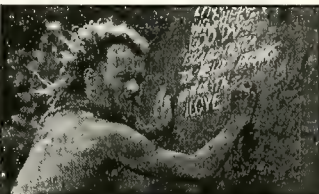
Film Critic

There is nothing like watching a movie and discovering that it is one giant advertising ploy. ET did it with Reese's Pieces and the lately released "Cast Away" does it with FedEx. Some audiences may find such product placement tedious and it is arguable that such methods can reduce the overall impact of a film. Tom Hanks stars in this production directed by Robert Zemeckis, who also directed "Romancing the Stone," "Forrest Gump" and "What Lies Beneath."

This Robinson Crusoe-like film has a touch of realism not found in many pictures, with Hanks actually having to undergo drastic physical changes such as losing weight and growing a beard for the part. "Cast Away" provides a unique glimpse into an isolated human mind struggling to remain sane. Hanks' performance is superb, as is Helen Hunt in

her supporting role. The setting location and scenic backdrops are breathtaking.

"Cast Away" is a film that fits well with the current trend of what some would call "survivor mania." Throughout the history of film and literature, one recurring theme is the survival of man against the elements. While not necessarily as emotional or dramatic as "The



Tom Hanks experiences a life similar to Robinson Crusoe in his latest hit film Cast Away.

Perfect Storm," "Cast Away" provides a more psychological perspective to that theme. "Cast Away" is a good film definitely worth seeing.

Mexico continued

...subdivision, but the Mexican government prohibited the entry of United States lumber. Although the group managed to get the trucks across the boarder, they had only two and a half hours to unload the truck, a task that normally takes nine hours.

"One box truck and three trailers were being unloaded at a ferocious pace by both American and Mexican brothers and sisters," said Rob Minton, CrossRoads director. "The incredible pace, the smiles, the cheering, the unity, and the communication despite the two languages were a ministry to anyone watching. By 6 p.m. the last truck had rolled across the boarder."

The group finally reached their destination and Milligan students set to work building houses and reaching out in the medical field. For many of those involved the setbacks became evidence of how God can work through a crisis situation and also added sentimental value to the rest of the trip.

"My most memorable moment on the Mexico trip was when we got to go to a Mexican church service," Patrick said. "Even though none of us spoke the same language, we all sang together in Spanish and worshiped the same God."

Despite everything that happened, the students were still challenged and inspired by the trip.

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Willimon encourages delight in worship

By Wes Jamison
Contributing Reporter

Rev. Dr. William H. Willimon encouraged the Milligan community to bring their experiences with them into worship instead of approaching it with an attitude of removal.

"I think Christians are often no more counter-cultural than when we worship God," said Willimon. "It's the center of Christian life. All of our lives are worship."

Milligan College welcomed Willimon to campus this week as the annual Staley Lecturer, who addressed the issue of Christian worship in his three lectures.

Willimon spoke of the struggle to follow Jesus in the contemporary world.

"Following Jesus is against my nature," he said. "It takes a lifetime of work."

Willimon hopes that Christians will take from his lectures a greater sense of enjoyment and delight in worship along with a more critical assessment of worship.

"I thought he was well-positioned to enrich the ongoing conversation on worship," said Phil Kenneson, professor of theology and philosophy at Milligan and a member of the committee that chose Willimon. "I thought he would be able to engage it faithfully and that students



Rev. Dr. William H. Willimon, the dean of chapel at Duke University, shared his thoughts on worship at Milligan College.

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would be engaged by his ability to captivate with insightful content."

Willimon delivered lectures on Tuesday morning in Seeger Chapel, Tuesday evening in Hyder Auditorium, and Thursday morning in Seeger Chapel. He visited with a homiletics class on Wednesday afternoon.

Named one of the twelve most effective preachers in the English-speaking world by a 1996 Baylor University survey, Willimon is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church. He

serves as Dean of the chapel and Professor of Christian Ministry at Duke University and Duke University Divinity School in Durham, N.C.

"It was refreshing to hear an articulate, high profile church figure who understands that Jesus is a demanding Lord, and who doesn't shy away from presenting Jesus as potentially unattractive," said Jason Evans, a senior humanities major.

Many appreciated the simplicity of Willimon's presentations.

"Following Jesus is against my nature. It takes a lifetime of work."

--Rev. Dr. William H. Willimon

"I think he is a really great speaker. Although he is a very learned man he spoke in every day words," said Andrew Parker, chair of the campus spiritual life committee. "His message is practical for everyone."

Willimon ate lunch with students in the cafeteria both Tuesday and Wednesday, a fact which many students appreciated.

"I thought it was really cool that he ate with the students instead of just hanging out with the faculty," said Parker. "It was cool that he took the time to answer our questions."

Willimon graduated from Wofford College, Yale Divinity School, and Emory University and has received numerous honorary degrees. He is also a prolific writer, having published more than fifty books.

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Prospective professors to fill empty shoes



New Communications faculty candidate Charles Goodin.

By Chad Booth

News Editor

Recently, both the communications department and the humanities department have been interviewing prospective professors to fill the shoes of those lost due to retirement or moving.

Charles Goodin, a graduate student at Regent University was on campus this



New Humanities faculty candidate Dr. Jill Leroy-Frazier.

past Friday interviewing for the communications position.

Goodin is currently involved in a teaching fellowship program at Regent and has a Master's degree in fine arts and screenwriting.

"I have a lot of acting experience, both professional and amateur productions, and experience with different aspects of film production," said Goodin.

Dr. Bruce Montgomery, head of the

communications department, said that the decision is yet to be made but that they would like to decide as soon as possible.

"We want the person in place as soon as the fall," said Montgomery.

Meanwhile, Dr. Jill Leroy-Frazier interviewed in Hardin for the Humanities position vacated by Dr. Terry Dibble.

Leroy-Frazier said she worked in the academic honors program at Morehead State University and had been there since 1993. She has a doctorate in American Literature and literature theory.

Dr. Jack Knowles, head of the humanities department, said they had interviewed three candidates in the past nine days and have no plans to interview more at this time.

"I would hope that we could make a decision by the end of February," said Knowles.



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FEATURES

Dinner... and a movie



By Nevan Hooker
Restaurant Critic

The Samurai Showdown...
It's Shanghai noon. You're as hungry as Harry Caray. Your appetite-sumo. And since Milligan has put the kibosh on using Wok's in your dorm room, it leaves you with three choices; Makato's, Misaki's, or Moto's.

Three honorable choices. Each to be considered the black belt of Japanese food in the Tri-cities area. Don't listen to the Hawaiian's on campus; they would have you believe otherwise. Besides what are we all looking for in life? Some good shrimp sauce- the eighth wonder of the world. And all three deliver the goods. All are located close together on Roan Street, so it makes the decision even tougher. Each restaurant is cheap for lunch, but may set you back a few yen as

prices nearly double for dinner. Yet, Moto's is the cheapest, so you don't have to be a member of the Ming Dynasty to dine there. Makato's and Misaki's each serve it up live and direct from the orient with all the trimmings Iron Chef style. Samurai says, go to Makato's for highest quality food. It may take you a while. It could take up to 90 minutes to enjoy a meal. In addition to the quality food, prepare to make new friends in the cozy

MISAKI

non-western seating arrangements. However, Moto's serves it up oriental express style, fast and fresh. From Yimbo to Ninja, all food warriors know that one stands out. On taste, time, price, and most importantly consistency, even Godzilla could pick which one. And what better to wash it all down with than a nice fortune cookie. "Confucius says he who eats at Moto's has made a wise decision."

By Nathan Poling
Film Critic

"Save The Last Dance" is a chick flick, albeit a chick flick *maybe* worth watching. Sean Patrick Thomas and Julia Stiles star in this film about a young aspiring ballerina named Sara (Stiles) whose world unexpectedly comes crashing down. Sara's mother dies in a car wreck and she is sent to live with her father in inner city Chicago. There she attends an almost exclusively African American public school and is almost instantly inundated in African American and hip-hop culture. She falls for an African American classmate (Thomas) and predictably a lovely little romance blossoms.

Similar to the recently released "Finding Forrester," "Save The Last Dance" deals openly with racial issues, focusing especially on the color barrier

between blacks and whites. The film's soundtrack is fairly decent and even those who are not hip-hop fans might find themselves grooving to the beat. Though the acting and cinematography is average at best, the overall effect of the film is more powerful than your average everyday chick flick.

While not exactly promoting saintly moral values or ideals, this film strongly pushes the positive message that racial boundaries can and sometimes should be crossed. However, as all too often occurs in Hollywood, good values are packaged along with "not-so-good" values and this significantly reduces the positive moral aspects of the film. At its conclusion, the audience is more likely talking about the film's seductive and often erotic dance moves rather than about racial harmony or a positive sense of uplifting. This film is a maybe and scores a 5.5 out of 10 so save it for those cold and dreary open dorm nights...if even then.

Education major requires time and creativity

By Shannon Smith
Reporter

At Lakeridge Elementary, a school not so far from here, two young students stare in awe at a record spinning on a record player. A little boy whispers to the girl standing beside him, "They had these big CDs before hot water." With a confused look, the little girl asks what CDs have to do with hot water, and the little boy replies with a knowing tone, "They put these big CDs in hot water and then they shrink."

Humorous situations like these make junior music education major Amanda Daugherty want to be an elementary school music teacher.

More than 20 percent of students at Milligan are education majors. Most of them did not choose to be teachers because they get three months in the summer off; many just want to make a difference in a person's life.

Sophomore Faith Robbins has always wanted to teach kids. When she was a senior in high school she had the opportunity to tutor freshmen that were

having trouble keeping up.

"I want to teach young kids and help them learn at an early age," Robbins said. "That way I can help them and not just pass them along."

Not only do these students want to be teachers, but they also want to set an example for the children under their guidance.

"Kids need a male role model in their lives," said Senior Erik Eckman, who wants to be a coach.

The education major is known for being a rigorous program, loaded with credit hours in classes ranging from early intervention to physical education methods. Education majors have many degrees to choose from, and a double major is usually required. For example, a combination of early childhood education and math will allow students to be elementary math teachers.

"People think being an education major is taking the easy road out, but in all actuality it is very time consuming," said Junior Adrienne Trogden. "This major requires 18 hours every semester. You also need to be creative because

there are a lot of projects due."

The last semester of the senior year is dedicated to student teaching, which does not pay. Student teachers share a classroom with a regular teacher to observe a classroom of students in action. They also get hands on learning experience by preparing their own lesson plans and being able to teach them.

Students are now going into classrooms when they are freshman. This is not the same as student teaching, but they still get a feel for what the job is like.

"I was nervous at first, but this allowed [me] to get over it and realize this is what I want to do," said freshman Staci Gray.

Junior Amy Hulcher said the education classes are challenging, but some are also fun, like music methods.

"Mrs. Runner interacts really well with us," Hulcher said. "Even if you are not going to be a music teacher her les-

sons can apply to activities you can do with your class."

This semester, a new education club has started, "Milligan College Guiding Young Children." The new club is starting off its semester by collecting sponges and other creativity projects to donate to the Arizona mission trip during spring break. The students going on the trip will use the supplies to give them to poor children on the reservation.

"The schools in the area of Arizona where we are working are really bad," said Junior Erin Hogshead. "The donations will improve the children's creativity and motor skills."



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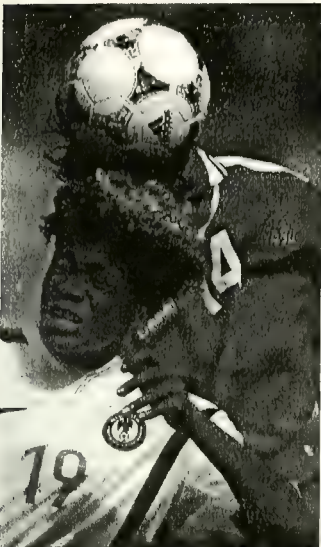
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SPORTS

Milligan loses standout athletes to California

By Phillip Brown
Sports Editor



Former Milligan soccer player Mercy Akide fights for the ball in the 2000 Olympics.

AP Photo

From Milligan College to the 2000 Olympics and now to professional soccer, Mercy Akide and Florence Omagbemi are experiencing it all.

The two Nigerian national team members have recently made the decision to play in the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA) instead of returning to play soccer at Milligan.

"We will miss them of course," said John Garvilla, women's coach, "But they have to do what's best for them."

Omagbemi scored eight goals with nine assists, while Akide posted a school record of 42 goals in addition to 15 assists as they led the Lady Buffs to a TVAC championship in 1999. Following their first season at Milligan they decided to take off the fall of 2000 to participate in the Olympic games for their native country.

Both players represented Nigeria well in the land Down Under, as Akide was the only player to record goals against two of the top programs in the world, the United States and Norway.

"It would have been better for them, contractually, to have made the decision to go pro prior to the Olympics," stated Garvilla.

Akide and Omagbemi would have received more money if they had gotten

drafted, but that would have required a decision prior to their trip to Sydney.

Akide and Florence were unavailable for comment.

Even though Garvilla wishes them the best, he still feels it is better to get your education first.

"Especially for Florence, she had already completed three years of school, two in Nigeria, and one here," Garvilla stated.

According to Garvilla, a deal is being drawn up between Akide and Omagbemi with either the Bay area or San Diego teams in the WUSA.

Milligan's soccer program will experience a loss, and it will be felt heaviest by their team.

"I'm sad they are not coming back because they make everything so much fun," said sophomore Courtney Siber. "I wish them the best of luck and with their talents I know they will succeed."

The Lady Buffs, however, have not lost hope in the losing of two of their players.

"It was disappointing, but we can do it without them," the two senior captains, Heather Eckman and Jillian Schweizer agreed.



Former Milligan soccer player Florence Omagbemi (bottom right) played for Nigeria in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

AP Photo

Track team competes

By Misty Fry
Managing Editor

While Milligan College does not have a track, it does have a track team, and a pretty competitive one at that.

"Track is a definite plus, said freshman Isaac Jensen, an 800-meter runner. "I like track better, it's a faster pace and there are a lot of events to choose from...not just crazy distance people."

On Saturday, February 3, the track team competed in the Clemson Invitational, in Clemson, S.C., a Division I school. The team competed with other top-notch teams such as UT, ETSU, and UNC.

On the girl's team, each participated in the 1600-meter race, or the mile. Dawn Shatzer placed 19 for the lady buffs with a time of 5-minutes, 30 seconds. Shae Trousdale placed 33 with a time of 5:46 and Angela McGraw ran 5:55, placing 39.

"I was excited about my time, considering the tight conditions on Clemson's indoor track," Trousdale said.

The men's team also put forth a solid effort. Geoffery Maritim ran the 3,000-meter run, which is ten laps on Clemson's indoor track. Maritim came

in a close second place, losing by .18 of a second to a runner from Brazil. Ryan Starr and Shane Oakleaf each ran the 1600, with times of 4:40 and 4:51 respectively.

"My goal for the year is to get faster for the 3000," Oakleaf said. I don't like the bigger competition as much, but we can only go to schools with an indoor track and they are usually bigger schools."



Briefs

By Phillip Brown
Sports Editor

Lady Buffs continue their winning streak

Milligan College—Despite starting the season off slow, the Lady Buffs have won 7 of their last 8, including a 73-50 win over Bluefield College.

The game began slow as Milligan shot poorly but played tight defense and rebounded well. The one first half bright spot was senior Amy Moody, who came in off the bench and scored 4 straight three-pointers.

Junior Melissa Potter posted great numbers including 13 points, 7 rebounds, and 5 assists. Sophomore Nicky Jesson also added 13 points to go with her 10 boards and 4 assists.

"I was pleased with today," said head coach Rich Aubrey, "We are in a good stretch and still improving. We played great defense today."

Buffs defeated in squeaker

Milligan College—The Buffs came up on the short end Saturday, as they lost to conference rival Bluefield College, 68-64. Their record drops to 19-6, 11-2 in the conference.

The Buffs started the game slow as they went into halftime down 38-20. But Head Coach Tony Wallingford had a different story in mind, and so did his players as they outscored the Rams 44-28 in the 2nd half.

Seniors Nathan Jenkins and Lance Ashby combined for 26 points of their 2nd half total. Caleb Gilmer added 14 points and Derek Dyer grabbed 6 offensive rebounds.

However, it was too little too late. With the score tied at 64 with 15 seconds left, Bluefield's David Vespie hit a crucial three-point shot. The Buffs failed to score on the other end and fouled Vespie with only 5.9 seconds left. Vespie missed the first and made the second giving Bluefield the victory.

EDITORIAL

Stampede's response to delay of press

By Krishana Kraft

Senior Editor

On Jan. 25 *The Stampede* was distributed four hours late, instead of its usual time after chapel.

The delay came after *The Stampede* staff, led by Editor-in-Chief Natalie Alund, agreed to an administration request to hold the Derthick renovation story until the faculty were informed at a meeting that afternoon.

"The faculty is due the respect to hear about what is going to happen to their work environment, rather than reading about it four hours earlier in *The Stampede*," said President Don Jeanes. "And that is the reason I asked Chad to hold the story."

Booth said the call to hold the story came on Monday, Jan. 22, when he called Jeanes to interview him about the renovations. Booth had interviewed Academic Dean Mark Matson and architect Tony Street the week before.

"When I approached Dr. Matson about the story, he was happy to talk about it with me," Booth said. "The only thing he asked me not to do was take pic-

tures of the interior plans."

Matson said he didn't think about the timing of the article during his interview with Booth, so he freely shared the renovation information.

Jeanes said he takes responsibility for not clearly communicating to the cabinet to not speak about the renovations to *The Stampede* until after the faculty meeting.

He said this story wasn't an issue of confidentiality, but one of timing.

"It was not a controversial issue and it wasn't some attempt to hide anything," Jeanes said. "I feel like at that point *The Stampede* should work with the college, which they did, to make it a winning situation for everybody."

Jim Dahlman, *The Stampede* faculty adviser, said that when Jeanes phoned him on Jan. 22 and asked for the story to be delayed, he told Jeanes that, as adviser, he wouldn't make that decision.

"I explained my reason as being that this was a student-led paper and I wanted the students to lead it as much as possible," Dahlman said. "And this is part of their education in learning to sort through some of these issues and make decisions. I didn't think it was my role in

this particular situation to make that call."

An hour after that phone call, *The Stampede* editorial staff met for its weekly meeting. Regular business was discussed first and then Dahlman explained the situation to the staff.

Dahlman said the staff had to decide between distributing the paper as scheduled, delaying distribution or cutting the Derthick story from the print edition and putting it online after the faculty meeting.

He said possible consequences of running the story as scheduled included losing access to the president's office as a future news source.

Editor's discussed the options for about 20 minutes. Some staff members wanted to delay distribution; others didn't want it to look like *The Stampede* was caving in under the pressure. The staff decided that the final decision would be made by Alund.

"To Natalie's credit, she said she needed to sleep on it and pray about it, so the decision was delayed until the next day," Dahlman said.

To Alund, the timing of this article was everything. She said she doesn't want the public to think *The Stampede* will continue to hold news because of timing issues.

"I was torn between what I felt to be my journalistic duty and my role in respecting authority. It was a very hard decision," Alund said. "I am disappointed that we held the story till 3:45. Breaking news is breaking news, but we did it in the best interest of the Milligan community."

Dahlman said that if the delay in distribution kept the truth from being told, a different decision probably would have been made.

"The newspaper is part of the community," Dahlman said. "It has a certain role and responsibility to tell the truth about the matters that are important or significant to the community."

Matson said he also sees *The Stampede* as part of this community.

"The price of freedom is the need for individuals to be responsible with it. We are free, but free within the responsibility for the greater good," Matson said.

Letter to the Editor

I have a great idea! Let's have a liberal arts college, with a theatre program, and a theatre major, then take away the only performance space! Yes, this seems perfectly logical!!! I opened the last issue of the Stampede and read that Derthick Hall is to be renovated. However, that also means replacing it with a lecture hall and lounge. I cannot help but think there could have been a better solution. Couldn't the theatre have been renovated and used as a lecture hall as well? I am a senior and have been involved in Milligan theatre for four years. This decision does not affect me as much as the theatre majors who will be without a performance space for three to four years. They came to Milligan expecting that, as theatre majors, they would have a place to perform. The program has already

operated on minimal funds and supplies. Now it lacks the most essential element to put on productions. My purpose is not to point fingers, but in concern for drama students, to stress the need for performance space as soon as possible. Before taking out Derthick Theatre, another theatre should have been built in its place. It is a shame to see Derthick Theatre, which holds such a rich history and tradition, torn down in the renovation. It holds many memories of great productions throughout the years. As the theatre department works to produce Hamlet, it is sad to think that it will be the final production on that stage.

Thank you,
Shannon Elizabeth Blowers



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Plague on Milligan network affects campus

By Chad Booth

News Editor

On Saturday morning, Milligan students were met with an unwelcome computer problem.

"We're still not a hundred percent sure what happened," said Mike Smith, director of information technology.

Smith says that they are going under the assumption that the T1 line, which connects our network with the main server at

King College, suffered a power surge that shorted out both the router on the Milligan campus and the router at King.

Smith has been in contact with Sprint since the problem manifested itself this past weekend.

Sprint replaced the router at Milligan on Monday and was hard at

work Tuesday replacing the router at King College.

"I've not heard of anything happening like this on a T1 line," Smith said.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Smith was uncertain of how soon service would be re-established since he was uncertain of the problem. However, he stressed that

they are doing everything their power to restore service as quickly as possible, and he was thinking of new procedures to prevent incidents like this in the future.

Only a week ago Milligan has to

disconnect service for a half a day due to an infection by the "Anna Kournikova Virus" which was intended to erase memory from a computer after e-mailing itself to everyone on the user's global mailing list. Luckily, the virus was flawed and only caused a few headaches rather than network-wide destruction.

According to CNN, Dutch police have taken the young hacker who allegedly designed the virus into custody.

Yet another recent problem arose when a hub in the MSA portion of campus began sending out the Internet equivalent of static. Computer services was forced to shut down student e-mail functions for the day while they replaced the hub.

With all of the problems with the server, Milligan students may be inclined to think that the school's technology is outdated and in need of replacement, but Smith said, "That's just not the case."

The rash of recent outages in service has reached an uncomfortable level of frequency and is causing major problems for normal operations in the school. Many students have noticed the most drastic problem in the library. According to Tami Pettit, public services librarian, there is no back up for when the server is

down.

"We have a cart full of books that need to be checked in and it takes twice as long to check books out because you have to write everything down," said Pettit. "If you want to find a book we can tell you the general area to look in but you just have to look around on the shelves."

The outage prevents students from searching the catalogue and getting to online databases for research.

Nancy McKee, reference librarian, instructs freshmen humanities students for their required library research component of class.

"One of the major components of research is learning how to use the online databases," said McKee. "The bottom line is I couldn't show the students how to research the materials we have online because we couldn't access the databases."



Professor Steffey becomes Dr. Carrie

By Paige Wassel

Reporter

Last week, almost three years of coursework came to a close as Carrie Steffey, assistant professor of communications, completed the final defense of her dissertation to receive her doctorate degree.

"It was something I wanted to take care of, and in 1998, I had the opportunity to pursue it at Virginia Tech," Steffey said.

According to Steffey, this final defense was the last of six graduate exams, all of which were two-hour oral exams. It gave her a chance to present the results of her study to a committee of about five people, who would ask questions about her topic, data analysis, and its implications for future research.

"I did about 1.5 years of coursework, and worked on my dissertation since then. My degree work included research, theory, some practical courses, and my dissertation."

Steffey commented that her coursework included such classes as, "instruc-

tional design, digital audio, virtual reality courses from the Web, courses on Web-based instruction, and digital video."

Several Milligan students participated in her experimental study, "The Effects of Visual/Verbal Cues in Multimedia Instruction" this fall.

"Students answered questions after either watching a full motion video or reading text on the (computer) screen, and I collected my results from their responses," Steffey stated.

Carrie Steffey's Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, Instructional Technology, digital video and multimedia emphasis, will be official in May, when she walks across the stage at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA.

"It was a learning experience, but I'm glad it's over. Some people say after this experience that they never want to go to school again. I would enjoy being a student in the classroom again, just maybe not for the big degree, but for the learning experience."

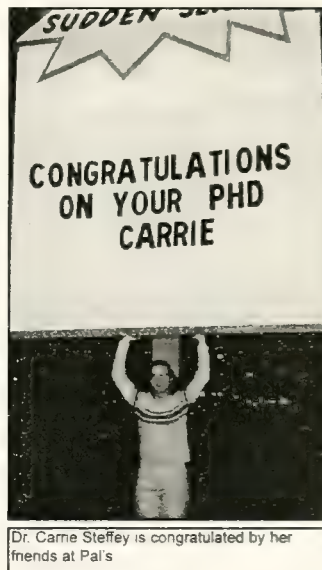
Carmen Allen, administrative assistant to the dean, commented on other fac-

ulty members who had received higher degrees fairly recently. Allen said that Chris Heard, assistant professor of Bible, received his Ph.D. last spring, Tami Pettit, public services librarian also completed her masters in Library Science recently, and Joy Drinnon, assistant professor of psychology, received her Ph.D. in August of last year.

According to Heard, he received his Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Southern Methodist University in May 2000. Drinnon also related she had received her Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from the University of Tennessee. Her dissertation was entitled, "Assessing Forgiveness: The Development and Validation of the Act of Forgiveness Scale" in which she said that she formulated a scale to measure the varying degrees to which someone forgives those around him or her for "an offense or betrayal."

"For my dissertation, I gave the scale to over 1000 people and compared their scores on my scale to other measures of forgiveness and related emotions and behaviors (e.g., revenge). My scale is

a useful and valid measure of forgiveness toward a specific offender," Drinnon said.



Dr. Carrie Steffey is congratulated by her friends at Pal's



FEATURES

Dinner... and a movie



By Nevan Hooker

Restaurant Critic

The Tri-Cities Restaurant Grammy Awards

Best of Steak

Outback

Grady's

O'Charlie's

Best Salsa Soundtrack

Cootie Brown's

Taquiero El Durango

Amigo's

Best Sandwich Collaboration

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Duck Duck Goose Cafe

Cranberry Thistle

Best Pizza Performance

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Red Pig

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Best Expensive Romantic Rendezvous

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Hooter's

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Milligan Cafeteria

Worst Place to Be Spotted By

Milligan Administration

Poor Richards

Sophisticated Otter

The Mouse's Ear

By Nathan Poling

Film Critic

"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" is a superb movie, and certainly deserves the 10 Oscar nominations it has received. Breathtaking scenery, an emotional soundtrack, gracefully acrobatic choreography and a tender romance all make this film a definite must-see. The original version is in Mandarin with English and Cantonese subtitles. It opened in Hong Kong the summer of 2000 but has only recently been widely released here in the United States.

Chow Yan Fat (Anna And The King) and Bond-girl Michelle Yeoh (Tomorrow Never Dies) star in this richly woven tale of revenge, love and honor. Set in ancient



China, "Crouching Tiger" sheds new light on a rich culture that the current age of Jackie Chan movies neglects to show.

For those squeamish about violence and gore, be not discouraged. "Crouching Tiger" is surprisingly gore-free. "Crouching Tiger" seems to possess a certain romantic quality that places it more in the King

Arthurian Era rather than this current Age of Schwarzenegger. "Crouching Tiger" is highly recommended. After all, there must be something significant about a Mandarin-language foreign film that

actually makes it to Eastern Tennessee. "Crouching Tiger" receives a 10 out of 10 and would complete a perfect evening after dinner with that significant someone—perhaps at a Chinese restaurant?

Fine arts strive for excellence

By Sarah Small

Features Editor

Amidst a flurry of people and food senior art minor Tara Marasco hangs the last few photographs in Ground Zero, the hallway gallery in the basement of Derthick. Her years of art classes at Milligan College have led up to this week, the opening of her senior show.

"I think the fine arts department isn't as recognized as it should be," Marasco said. "A lot of work goes into these shows."

Art and photography majors have the opportunity to display their work and talents in Ground Zero, while theatre majors perform plays upstairs in Derthick theater. Yet, after May the theater will be replaced with a lecture hall because of Derthick renovations. Construction will begin on a new building, which will hold the theater in about three years.

"Even though I realize that the

changes to Derthick are positive things, it is still upsetting to realize that there will be no performing space my senior year," said Hannah Carson, junior theater major. "Although the theater we have

"I think the fine arts department isn't as recognized as it should be."

- Tara Marasco

now is not an ideal space, it is still a place full of memories. I just worry about how Milligan is going to compensate for the theatre department."

The fine arts program at Milligan includes three majors, art, photography, or theatre art. According to the 2000 catalog the fine arts program, "cultivates the development of Christian artists who glorify God by striving for the highest standards of artistic excellence—ministering to people through their art and contributing to the richness and beauty of life."

"I like our art department because it

is small, so we get more personal attention," said Chris Brandow, senior art major. "The professors here are really good, and they can concentrate on me more (than at a big school)."

All fine arts majors are required to go on a field studies trip. These trips usually alternate between Washington D.C. and New York City, which is where they will head this spring. While they are there they will visit museums and attend a play. Field studies trips are intended to provide inspiration and an opportunity to observe professional artists' work and performances.

"I think (the trip) is a great opportunity for Milligan students to be together and photograph, and it is a chance of a lifetime to build new friendships and see new things," said Bethany Haynes, junior photography major.

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SPORTS

Women's tennis team looks forward to season

By Phillip Brown

Sports Editor

The Lady Buffs posted a brilliant record last year and are anxious to see if they can do it again.

"It is going to be tough to match an undefeated conference record," said head coach Marvin Glover, "But I like the look of the team this year."

The Lady Buffs went 12-0 against their Appalachian Athletic Conference opponents in 2000, and did not lose to any team that they faced except for their season opener against Lees-McRae by one point.

In 2000, following the loss to Lees-McRae, the ladies went unbeaten until the NAIA National Tournament, where they would like to return and fair a bit better.

This season the tournament will be run a little differently. As opposed to last year, qualifying for the tournament will be based on individuals rather than on the team as a whole.

The top four competitors for the Lady Buffs will be the returning players: seniors Diana Marti and Cassie Denton, along with junior Renee Posey, and sophomore Annie Eckstrom. The fifth and sixth positions will be battled for by the four incoming freshman, Amy Vincent, Sara Wallingford, Brandy Roberts and Katie Massey.

"We have four freshman this year who will compete for the two spots left," stated Denton, "And that should make for some good competition."

The Lady Buffs lost only two players from last year's top six, both Vanessa Click and Dorothy Ritchey (now Dorothy Foster) graduated but the outlook is still bright.

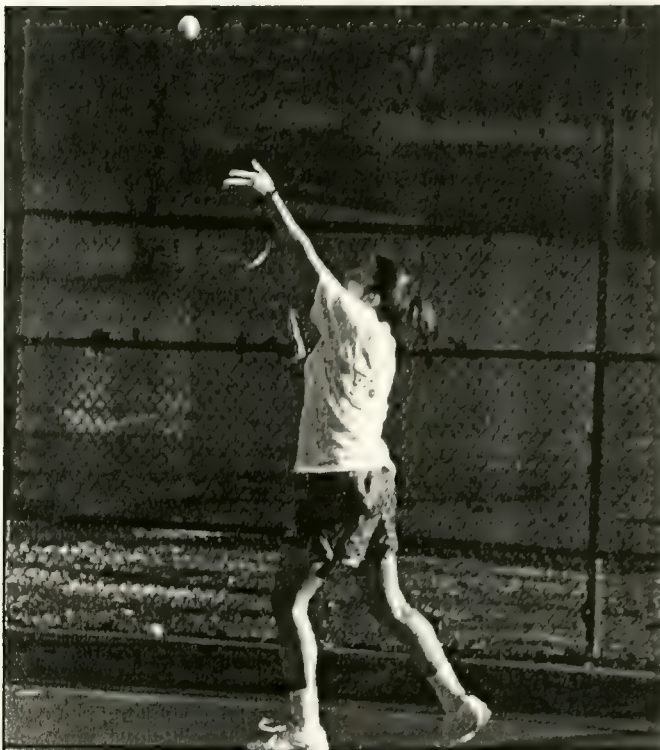
"I like the balance and the youth that we have in the ladder. Even though, our younger players have been untested, I think we will do well," stated Coach Glover.

This year the Lady Buffs will rework the doubles pairings. Diana Marti and Annie Eckstrom will be the no. 1 doubles team, Cassie Denton and Renee Posey will be no. 2 and the two chosen freshmen will make the third.

Although the conference opponents were unchallenging for the Lady Buffs the level of competition in the AAC has improved.

"The conference will be better this year. Virginia Intermont, Montreat, and Tennessee Wesleyan have all improved from last year. But none of their newcomers are supposed to push out their top players," explained Coach Glover.

The Lady Buffs will open their season against the improved Tennessee Wesleyan team on Saturday, Feb. 24. Their first home matches will be March 25.



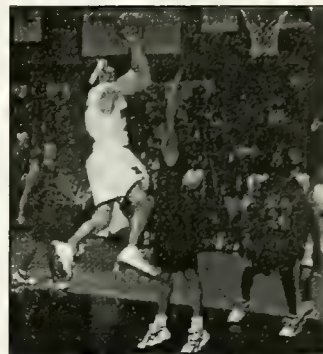
Senior Cassie Denton goes up for a serve Monday afternoon during tennis practice

Photo by Krishana Kraft



Sophomore Kristen Kerkvliet rises over a Brevard player to bring the Lady Buffs back but it was too little too late.

Photo by Amber Neill



Senior Nathan Jenkins assists the Buffs in outscoring Brevard College 88-69 on Senior Recognition Night.

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EDITORIAL

Senior learns importance of good contacts



By
Krishana Kraft
Senior Editor

When senior year hits the question becomes, "How can I be impressive?" Smart resumes count for everything and good internships get your "foot in the door." Yet what happens when you get your foot stuck in the door? Well, let's just say that I can relate.

Last semester I did an internship at Brio, a teen girl magazine produced by Focus on the Family. I was thrilled to receive this opportunity and definitely wanted to make a good impression.

At least I can say I made an impression.

It was the first day of my Thanksgiving break, which lasted 10 days. My three roommates were headed home or out-of-town for at least the weekend. So, I decided to take advantage of having an apartment to myself and stayed in Colorado Springs. Yet, in order to "survive" the weekend I needed some sort of transportation to get around town. So,

my roommate Amy let me borrow her truck until she returned from a road trip on Monday.

It was Friday, the beginning of a relaxing weekend, and I had a new found excitement about driving to places like Target or Blockbuster. After picking up some things at Target and a couple of videos at Blockbuster, I headed back to my apartment. On the way I was at a stoplight with a police car directly behind me. Police cars make me nervous any way, but I just kept telling myself, "I haven't done anything wrong." I got no more than six feet from the stoplight when the lights and siren went off.

The police officer approached the truck and asked for the typical...license, insurance and registration. The license part was easy, the insurance and registration was a struggle. I opened the glove compartment and found lots of maps of Colorado Springs, but she wouldn't take those. I finally found the insurance card, but the registration was nowhere to be found. I was in deep trouble. And I still didn't know why she had pulled me over.

Come to find out Amy's tag had expired. And it just happens that the discovery was made when I was driving the

truck.

Since, this obviously, wasn't my vehicle and I couldn't provide the registration the truck was going to be towed to the impound lot, until the owner could retrieve it with "the proper identification." So, I collected my six bags from Target, my purse and Blockbuster videos and headed to the police car. She opened the back door and I slid in with all of my loot.

The officer sat in the front filling out forms and asking me simple questions like my address, phone number, etc. Yet, when she got to the question about calling someone to pick me up my mind went blank. Who did I know in Colorado Springs that I even wanted to pick me up? Many of my friends had already left for break and the only phone number I could think of was 531-3400, the phone number for Focus on the Family. I dreaded what was about to happen.

The officer dialed the phone number and I told her to ask for Marty McCormack, Brio's associate editor. As Marty picked up the phone I heard the officer say, "Hello, this is Officer Phillips from the Colorado Springs Police Department. I am here with Krishana

Kraft, could you come pick her up?" I think at that point I sunk further down into the seat. I had a feeling things with Brio would never be the same. I probably wouldn't be remembered for my writing or teachability. My name would signify that Brio intern who had to be picked up after a "registration violation."

Marty finally arrived and the first thing she saw was the Brio intern in the back of a police car. What a Kodak moment. I'm glad she didn't have a camera. After the officer unlocked the back door and let me out I darted to Marty's car hoping to escape this humiliation. When Marty got in her car all I could say was "I'm a criminal."

Well, I did learn a lot that day, besides having your registration or not buying so much at Target before you get pulled over. I learned that you never know when those internship connections will come in handy and memorizing their phone number could just rescue you from the back of a police car.

So, when you start that top-notch internship and discover you printed out 30 pages of your notes on the company's stationery don't fret, just be thankful you're not a criminal.



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Bill "King of Hearts" Greer entertains the audience during the annual Sweetheart Convo

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A freshmen duo created a llama theme for their Sweetheart Convo skit and had the real llamas outside Seeger for petting afterwards

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David Mee accepts position in enrollment

By Paige Wassel
Reporter

Milligan College has named David Mee its new vice president for enrollment management.

President Don Jeanes, along with the search committee, composed of Bert Allen, chair, Carolyn Payton, admissions counselor, Mark Matson, academic dean, Mark Fox, vice president for student development and Todd Norris, vice president for institutional advancement, evaluated many resumes and all feel Mee is well qualified for Milligan College.

Mee will succeed Mike Johnson, who resigned in December in order to pursue a position at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

"We're looking for someone who has a strong track record in enrollment management experience, who is a leader in their field and who is in tune with what Milligan is all about," said Norris.

Norris also expressed that the committee is looking for someone with the



David Mee, Milligan's new vice president for enrollment

maturity to direct the enrollment program, who is involved in their church and community and is a team builder, making responsible decisions based on good information. He added that an association with the college was not a requirement for the position, but it was taken into consideration.

According to a Milligan press release, Mee has supervised the admission program at Samford, a Christian university, since 1998. Before that he worked for 10 years helping oversee the admission department at Houghton College, a Christian liberal arts college in Houghton, N.Y. He has been active in all parts of the admission process, including prospect and applicant communication, financial aid, athletic recruitment, program marketing and on-campus visit programs.

"Milligan and the Tri-Cities area is, I believe, a good match for my family," Mee said.

He and his wife, Laura, and their two-year-old daughter Jillian, will relocate to the Tri-Cities area in May.

"I'm excited about joining the Milligan community. Milligan has an important place in Christian higher edu-

cation," Mee said. "It strikes me as a dynamic college community comprised of individuals who share a common vision."

Mee holds a bachelor's degree in communication from Houghton College and is currently completing a master's of education degree in higher education counseling from the University of Montevallo in Alabama.

Currently director of admissions at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., Mee accepted the position at Milligan late last week. He will start his duties May 1.

"David's diverse experience at different academic institutions will bring a new ener-

gy to the admissions office," said Carolyn Payton, an admission counselor and member of the selection committee for the new vice president.

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Thurs., March 29
Men's Tennis vs. King, 2 p.m.
Softball vs. TN Wesleyan, 3 p.m.
Fri., March 30
Women's Tennis vs. TN Wesleyan, 2 p.m.
Tues., April 3
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Wed., April 4
Baseball vs. Maryville, 2 p.m.
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Baseball vs. Virginia Intermont, 2 p.m.
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Rash of pranks cause for concern

By Chad Booth
News Editor

Sirens have become an all too familiar sound on the Milligan campus lately.

"From January to March we have probably been there (Milligan) close to 20 times," said Mike Shouse, chief of Elizabethton's fire department.

According to Shouse, there could be up to \$500 in equipment and manpower sent to the school each time the fire alarm is set off. The fire department has the capability to test the sensors to rule out malfunctions. If the sensors are being set off on purpose, students could end up footing the bill.

Shouse said the department is investigating the incidents, but if sensor malfunction is ruled out then they will recommend that Milligan charge the offending dormitory with the expense. They would also recommend withholding grades until the resident had paid his part of the dormitory's debt.

If it is proven that an alarm was purposely set off, said Shouse, the maximum penalty is \$1000 per offense.

"The fire threat is a risky thing," said

Mark Fox, vice president for student development.

Fox said that there is no punishment set by the college for initiating a false alarm since it is a misdemeanor crime and would be prosecuted in court.

The major concern Fox expressed was for student safety. He fears that the numerous alarms have begun conditioning students to not respond to the alarm.

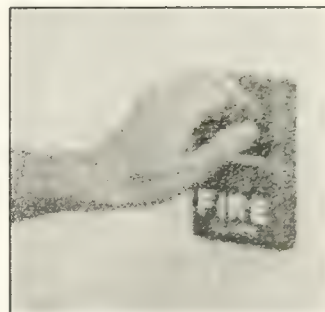
Unfortunately, according to Chris Bellar, Webb Hall resident, this is already the case.

"It is to the point now where half the people don't even leave their rooms," Bellar said.

Shouse cited several ways that the alarms could be set off by accident. Burning candles, incense, smoking, or burning food in a microwave could all set the sensitive detectors off. He encouraged students to avoid doing anything that might create smoke in the room.

"You can always walk through Webb and smell incense being burned or generally see candles being burned and I think that is the largest problem that needs to be corrected," Bellar said.

According to Holly Apted, Hart Hall resident, "Most people bag their alarms."



"Bagging" an alarm is done by wrapping a plastic bag around the detector. This blocks all smoke from the detector and eliminates accidental alarms. However, bagging a fire alarm is against fire code and is punishable by a \$25 fine from the college if caught.

Although the false alarms are the main concern of the college, the "stink bomb" in the recent chapel service did not go unnoticed.

"That was very disrespectful to the students involved in the program," Fox said.

Currently, Fox says there are no leads as to who is behind the pranks.

FEATURES



Dinner... and a movie



Alta Cucina: the undiscovered jewel of Johnson City

By Nevan Hooker

Restaurant Critic

The best restaurant you've never eaten at- Alta Cucina. It's real Italian and it's real good! The food is fresh and full of flavor, similar to the tastes of the national chain restaurant Macaroni Grill.

All dinners include complimentary bread and marinara sauce and it's the best I have ever tasted. So good that I had five baskets of it and took three more home with me. The menu has many options for you to choose from so it's a safe choice no matter what you prefer- from shrimp and chicken to pasta and lasagna, it's all great. I think I even saw the famous

Italiano chef Mario cooking in the back. For a dessert that is a taste of Italy itself, try the tiramisu- it's the best way to finish a wonderful meal. The décor is simple and the restaurant is nice and cozy, making it the perfect Mafia hangout. And besides the scrumptious eats, the best part of the restaurant is the service. Expect to be treated like royalty, where

your waitress is your friend. Friendly hospitality is what makes a restaurant a great one. I want to make you an offer you can't refuse. Visit Alta Cucina, an undiscovered jewel of Johnson City, located on 1200 North Roan Street (just past the Johnson City Public Library on the right). Mammamia! It's good!

Jude Law & Ed Harris create suspense in "Enemy at the Gates"

By Nathaniel Poling

Film Critic

Once Vassili Zaitsev pins you in the sights of his rifle, whether you know it or not, you are a dead man. Based on the factual Russian hero during WWII, Jean-Jacques Annaud's latest work, "Enemy at the Gates" is the best war film to be released since "Saving Private Ryan." This film is a tale of a love that flourishes amidst vast carnage and destruction—of courage in the face of hopelessness and fear—of friendship and loyalty—and ultimately of a hero who emerges when

his country needs him most.

Annaud, who also produced "The Name of the Rose" and "Seven Years in Tibet," does an exceptional job in balancing moments of suspense and tension with extremely intense periods of brutal action. The movie is set during the pivotal Battle of Stalingrad, where German and Russian armies are locked in a death struggle. Amidst the ruins lurks a silent terror—expert snipers deal death with almost god-like impunity. On these angels of death, Vassili Zaitsev (Jude Law) is the best, causing so much havoc within the German ranks that the Nazis

send in their best marksman, Major Konig (Ed Harris). Thus the film is of an intricate chess game between two of the best, where the victor lives to see another day, and the vanquished becomes just another casualty of war.

Camera angles, especially close-up shots, lend a more personal feel that few war films are able to achieve. The soundtrack by James Horner is excellent, being highly emotional and dramatic as Russian music is in general. Rachel Weisz and Joseph Fiennes are strong in their co-starring roles. The only big complaint about this film is an overly graph-



Rachel Weisz and Joseph Fiennes star in "Enemy at the Gates"

ic sex scene that seems entirely out of place. However, "Enemy at the Gates" is an excellent film that portrays the horrors of war and the effect it has on human lives.

Media plays important role in lives of communication majors

By Erin Hogshead

Reporter

Media is important, and Milligan is trying to do something about it.

"These days media play such an important role in our society that people cannot think of the United States without thinking of media," said Jim Dahlman, associate professor of communications.

The communications department at Milligan includes journalism, TV/broadcasting and public relations emphases. Faculty members include Dahlman, Bruce Montgomery, sub-area chair, Carrie Steffey, assistant professor of communications, Alice Anthony, assistant professor of the practice of art and Gary Potter, adjunct assistant professor of communications.

The department will soon greet a new faculty member who will be working with film studies. Dahlman said he is very excited about this recent development, but would also like to see another professor added to the faculty.

Along with the new faculty changes, the new Capital Campaign (the campaign in charge of remodeling the campus) is planning to build better facilities to serve the vast amount of communications majors. Yet, these improvements seem far away for an overcrowded department with more than 100 majors plus additional minors.

"Milligan gives us a lot of support,

but with such a growing major the department needs to expand," Dahlman said. "Mrs. Anthony, the photography professor, is stretched beyond her limits and needs more support."

The department is doing great things at Milligan, but with the great interest in media the students want more awareness of the needs of the department. Sophomore Chris Sullivan, a music production/engineering major is transferring to Middle Tennessee State next semester due to the lack of technology in his major.

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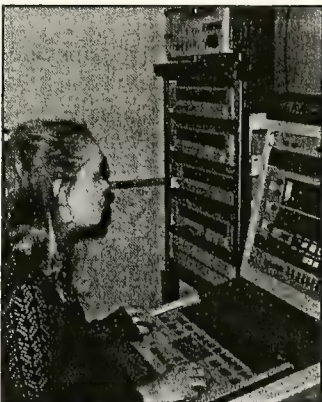
right now it does not have enough music technology to prepare me in music production and engineering that I need," Sullivan said. "The communications department is expanding, but with the growth in majors there is a greater demand for faster improvement."

The department is still very strong and many good job opportunities have arisen from the program.

Students like senior Winston Ashley Maddox, a TV/broadcasting major, has already had a taste of the real world experience in media. Last semester in Hollywood, Maddox worked as the assis-

tant to movie producer James Anderson in his new movie, *American Leather*.

"As Christians we should be putting out the best in the entertainment world," Maddox said. "God used David and Solomon to produce the best kingdoms and he will use us also to bring forth his message."



Senior Shannon Blowers edits a video on the linear editing machine as part of her experience as a TV/broadcast emphasis.

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SPORTS

Milligan golf team takes third place at Bluefield

By Ashley Fine
Reporter

On Tuesday, March 20, the Milligan College golf team took third in the annual Bluefield Invitational Golf Tournament at Fincastle Country Club in Bluefield, Virginia. This was Milligan's first spring tournament.

Milligan finished the first day of

play in third place and remained in third place for the duration of the tournament. The Buffs competed with seven teams: Bluefield, Bluefield St., Lindsay Wilson, Concord, Tennessee Wesleyan, UVA Wise, and Pikeville.

Five players represented Milligan: junior Jeremy Hensley, sophomores Todd Munsey, Blake Stewart and Jesse Boyd, and freshman Nelson Caldwell. Hensley

won first place and Stewart took second in the Invitational.

"The weather was really bad, but luckily I was able to drive the ball straight and stay on the fairways," said Hensley.

The weather played a major factor in the tournament. After completing 18-holes on Monday, Tuesday's play was reduced to nine holes, because six inches

of snow was expected there by Tuesday evening.

"These were tough conditions under which to play golf," said Coach Tony Wallingford. "It was windy, very cold, and snow was beginning to fall."

The next tournament will be on March 26 at Pikeville, Kentucky. Ten schools are scheduled to participate.

Athletic department brings back football tradition

By Natalie Neysa Alund
Editor-in-chief

Move over soccer program. . . here comes football.

Due to the recent popularity of the upcoming film "The Buffalos," a football movie directed by Senior Winston Ashley Maddox, Milligan's administration has decided to bring back a football team to Milligan College.

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"We have our eye on a couple of freshmen starters from schools within the Eastern part of the country," Walker said.

Although Walker said he cannot reveal individual names, he did list a number of universities Milligan's athletic department have been recruiting from. Penn State University, The University of Louisville, Indiana University and The University of Tennessee are among a few of the schools Milligan is currently working with.

Until a stadium is constructed on campus, the new football team will prac-

tice on the soccer field and play at the Science Hill High School football field, pushing the soccer team to play on the baseball field and eliminating softball.

According to Walker, construction for a stadium is scheduled to begin early next spring, and will be completed by the following fall.

The first two sets of MSA buildings will be torn down in order to

build Milligan's new football stadium. The stadium will lie on the old MSA property as well as the field behind it. The estimated cost of the football stadium is eight million dollars, all of which was raised by previous football alumni.

Cary Targett, athletic trainer, said she has started preparing for the upcoming season.

"The school is hiring three other trainers besides myself, so I can have some help on the field," Targett said.

According to Targett, the cost of uniforms, practice jerseys, cleats, pads, helmets, equipment bags, water bottles, tackling dummies, footballs, and face paint are among some of the items that will come by raising each Milligan student's tuition by \$2,000.

A number of students have expressed their concern of the raise in tuition due to the upcoming football team. Students should be aware that if they open their date-books to April 1, they have nothing to fear. All in good fun kids, all in good fun.

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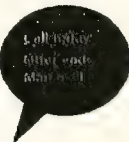
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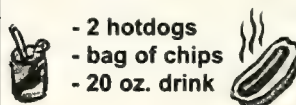
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EDITORIAL



**By
Misty
Fry
Managing Editor**

Trust is a tricky thing. If people trust someone else, they make themselves open to hurt and potential let-down, losing control over the situation. At the same time, people need to trust in others because there comes a time when it is impossible to go on alone.

I learned first hand what the true meaning of trust was during my spring break at the Whiteriver Indian reservation in Arizona. Miracle after miracle, God saved the day and answered our group's prayers. We were able to see children that had come the year before, travel safely in spite of the "ghetto van" dying and have just enough food for the kids each night. We watched as God provided a building for the 70 children attending the children's program 10 minutes before it started and saw how His love filtrated through the lives of our group and in the eyes of children that we were amazingly reaching out to.

We had to trust God to provide kids to show up, and then when they did, we had to figure out what to do with the 200 Apache children that were running around in a small confined area. We had to trust God to make us like Jesus himself, and show our love to these children

who might not know what love means at all.

John Hammon, a junior who worked in the children's program, got to know the group's favorite "problem child," Chester. As the week went on, the whole group watched as Chester did less fighting and more helping, such as tying a girl's shoelaces or helping get kids quiet.

"Chester and I would just be hanging out or talking and I decided to say, 'Hey Chester, do you know what? Jesus loves you,'" said Hammon. "I would say this all the time and after awhile, when I would ask, Chester would respond. 'Yeah, I know. Jesus loves me.' On the last day when Chester answered my question, he said, 'I know. Jesus loves me. He loves you too.' Chester was the best."

Chester wasn't the only child who needed reassurance that we wanted to help them. The very first night members of my group and I had to chase little boys a mile down the river and get them back



Twenty-three Milligan students participated in the Arizona Mission trip hosted by Crossroads.

Photo by Russ Hertzog

to church. They had crossed to the other side of the river and kept running, just to see if we would run after them.

One night, our group did a drama about a trust fall, which showed how one boy put his faith in his friends to catch him if he were to fall, but they let him down and made fun of him. Only Jesus was able to catch him, and that was the message we wanted to get across to the Apache children.

"Mauri saw the trust fall drama and kept coming up and falling on me," said junior Erin Hogshead, one of the leaders on the trip. "I asked her what she was doing, and she said, 'falling on you.' I asked her why she was doing that and if she could stand up. Mauri answered, 'Yes, I can stand, but I trust you and I know you would never let me fall.' I hugged her and said that she was right; none of us would ever let her fall. Mauri got saved that night, the very same day two of her friends tried to commit suicide."

These are just a few of the situations that were placed upon us during the week. There were kids dealing with suicide, with seeing demons, peer pressure, alcoholism, and family problems. . . and they all just needed someone to hug them and tell them that they were loved. People speak of going on mission trips and being Jesus, but it was this trip that truly showed me what that meant. As I was rocking a sobbing, shaking child in my arms after a service, tears were streaming down my face. My heart was breaking



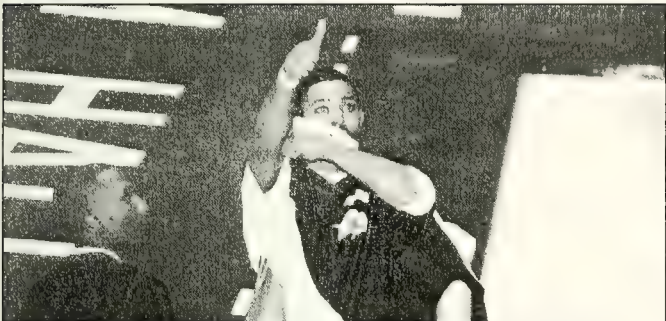
Hezekiah Barnes catches Chester in one of his many pranks throughout the week in Arizona

Photo by Erin Hogshead

because all I wanted to do was help them and ease their pain.

Our group learned to trust in God and his abilities and not our own, and hopefully through that, the Apache children we were ministering to were able to trust us as well. If anything else, spring break taught me that no matter how strong a person looks or how rowdy they act, everyone needs someone to hug them and say, "You know what? Jesus loves you and so do I."

Bufs bid farewell to a successfull season



Sophomore A.J. Hamler gives the fans a thumbs-up before a first-round conference game



Senior Gabe Goulds prepares to pass the ball assisting the Bufs in their 27-7 conference record. "I think we had a pretty successful season," Goulds said



Senior Caleb Gilmer passes the ball to avoid his opponents' block during the ACC Tournament

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Cafeteria gives more options for students

By Dalan Telles
Reporter

McCormick Dining Center has decided to open its meal plan doors to include the grill in the eating options for next semester.

Students will now be able to transfer some meals to eating at the grill, a change that will not affect the cost of the meal plan. The students can transfer only ten meals per semester.

According to David Taylor, director of food service at Milligan, these changes were made in October of last year.

"Milligan and Pioneer, the company

which supplies food for Milligan, made the decision of meal plan changing last year and it will give more options for the students when they come to eat," Taylor said. "The change will give a better service for the students as well."

According to Taylor, the change will not raise the cost of meal plan.

"The change will not affect the cost of the meal plan at all," Taylor said. "The change was made only to give more option to the students."

Daniel Gacheru, a junior at Milligan, said the upcoming change is a positive one.

"It will help the students on busy days because it will give more option for



Junior Kevin Bobrow has his ID card scanned by Reba Shepherd upon entering the McCormick Dining Center in Sutton Hall
Photo by Robin Hamilton

the students where to eat," Gacheru said.

This new option will increase the numbers of people working for cafeteria as well. Milligan and Pioneer have not decided who is going to hire the employ-

ers.

"With this change we have to have more people working for us at the grill," Taylor said. "We do not know if we are going to bring in a professional cook or if we are going to give it for a work-study position."

The menu of Milligan will not have change according to Cory Edmundson, assistant director of food service at Milligan.

"It will not affect our service here at the cafeteria at all. The schedule will be the same and the menu as well. The only problem is that we will have to buy more hamburgers for them," Edmundson said laughing.

Milligan Briefs Home Sporting Events:

Thurs., April 12

Baseball vs. Cumberland,
2 p.m.

Fri., April 13-Mon., April 16
Easter Break

Fri., April 13

Baseball vs. Virginia
Intermont,
2 p.m.

Sat., April 14

Baseball vs. VI,
1 p.m.

Tues., April 17

Convo: Real Life 101
11 a.m. (Last convo!)

Thurs., April 19

Spring Board Meetings
Chapel 11 a.m.
Student Recital 2 p.m. &
Ensembles Concert
7:30 p.m., Seeger Chapel

Fri., April 20

Spring Board Meetings
Community Celebration,
Special Announcement &
Lunch 11 a.m., Hardin Lawn
Midnight Movie at Bonnie
Kate Theater

By Adam Kneisley
Reporter

New Director of Student Success, Leslie Glover has her work cut out for her. She's at Milligan to increase student retention, which right now sees one in four students leave Milligan by their senior year.

Glover, who began work on March 26, hopes to increase social and spiritual integration on campus for all students. "I see a big need for students to be aware of the benefits that Milligan offers in academic and personal advising," said Glover.

She will also be responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive process to achieve increased retention and graduation rates for students. Glover will be encouraged to develop a mentoring program for first year students, working with faculty advising, identify and coordinate services for students-at-risk, and foster initiatives to acclimate incoming students to college life.

Retention has remained a constant problem for Milligan since the early 1990's. The primary reason why most students do leave Milligan is because of the annual increase in tuition. Students simply cannot find that extra \$1,000 sometimes, forcing them to leave, said Glover.

Glover will attempt to raise retention for the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 school years to at least 80 percent. Although she cannot control the cost of tuition, Glover hopes to make Milligan a place where

students enjoy their college years.

Before coming to Milligan, Glover had worked extensively with other colleges in the area of student development. Most recently Glover was the coordinator for the Ronald McNair Program. This program was federally funded under the Title IV fund that encourages underprivileged students to attend college and graduate school.

Academic Dean, Mark Matson who hired Glover said, "I hope the faculty and students alike will welcome Leslie in her new position and make this program a success."

Todd Norris, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, said, "We are grateful for the grant money to aid in retention. Milligan has needed a position to help in this area of the college, I am excited to see the result's of Leslie's work."

Nevan Hooker, SGA President said, "I have seen too many peers of mine leave Milligan because they are unhappy with how something is being run at Milligan. I hope that Leslie, will be the bridge between students and administration when problems arise."

Many students feel that they are not represented to administration adequately. Glover desires to be involved in the lives of many students with the hope they will

feel comfortable coming to her with problems that may result in their leaving Milligan.

She also wants to create open forums and social gathering for students to voice their problems and opinions on policies to the administration. As a result of these social gatherings, Glover hopes that students may feel represented at Milligan.

Glover's office is currently located across from the student development office in the SUB, making her easily accessible to any part of the Milligan community.

The position of director of student success was made available through the Jesse Dupont Grant and will be made available to Milligan for only one year. Glover hopes to design a clearly

defined retention program that will continue after her departure.

Milligan has left the possibility of making the job last longer than one year, but seems unnecessary.

The Nursing program and the capital campaign fund have benefited significantly from the grant in the past.

The family of Jesse Ball Dupont created a fund to help private liberal arts colleges in the Appalachia region. Dupont strongly believed in the importance of a broad, strong education which private, liberal arts colleges provide.

"I see a big need for students to be aware of the benefits that Milligan offers in academic and personal advising."

*- Leslie Glover,
Director of Student Success*

FEATURES

Dinner... and a movie



Elizabethton's "Mad Greek" gets mad props

By Nevan Hooker
Restaurant Critic

First, I would like to thank all of the people who stood up for their right's, and stopped the oppression. Thanks to all of you and to my new hero Dave Taylor we now have Krispy Kreme doughnuts on campus. But, it's time for this week's

review.
I was mad that I hadn't heard of it sooner. Jeff Miller, the mad-professor on campus told me it was a must-eat. At first I wasn't too impressed.
It's hidden in a small building in Elizabethton, at Whites Shopping Center, behind Amigos. But after eating, I knew why anyone would be mad if they missed

an opportunity like this. It's a fun little restaurant. And reminds me of visiting a pizza place when I was a kid. The pizza is absolutely incredible, my favorite in the Tri-Cities area. It's good!
The best deal is the lunch special where for only five dollars you can enjoy a pizza with unlimited toppings, a Greek salad, and a Pepsi. Have you ever

noticed that when you order a Pepsi, it tastes different from different places.
Well, the Mad Greek's fountain drinks are the crispest, most flavorful drinks I've had. And they also serve calzones, strombolis, pitas, subs, and salads. Steve, the owner wanted me to mention that he is not mad and he is American. So, don't get mad. Get some Mad Greek.

Roberts and Pitt "gang" up in "The Mexican"

By Nathaniel Poling
Film Critic

Take a hunk like Brad Pitt, a cursed gun, and a sentimental cold-blooded killer, set it all in Mexico and you have the ingredients for a good movie. This recently released action-adventure-comedy also co-stars Julia Roberts and James Gandolfini. Pitt plays an errand boy for a shady criminal organization who is sent to Mexico to retrieve a beautiful but cursed handcrafted pistol known as "The Mexican."
However, this film disappoints from the beginning. It is 120 minutes

long and in many parts drags, with lengthy dialogues interspersed between few mediocre action scenes. The cursed-gun theme is innovative, but the plot is underdeveloped and the characters are not sufficiently convincing. Grainy footage mimicking early film style tells the story of "The Mexican". Its only effect however, is to lend a somewhat ridiculous feel to the movie as well as make following the main story even more confusing.
There are many lacking areas in "The Mexican" such as an overdone gay theme, which was interesting at first but quickly becomes a droning monotony.

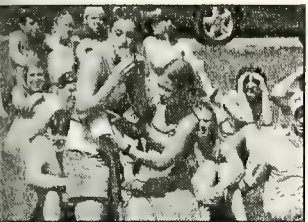


Julia Roberts and Brad Pitt star in the new film "The Mexican."
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actors of their caliber so do not expect either to receive Oscars for this film. The only bright spot for this film is a fairly decent performance by James Gandolfini, who plays a gay sentimental cold-blooded killer.
"The Mexican" is a disappointment and there are plenty of other ways to spend \$6.50 than on a less than mediocre film. There is nothing notable about the cinematography, script or soundtrack. If you are looking for an entertaining date, try watching this film after a trip to Taco Bell—or better yet, skip the movie entirely and just go to Taco Bell.


Marvelous Monday: a "groovy" day to play in the sun

By Jason Harville
Photographer



Left: Senior Tara Marasco (left) eats a Moonpie while Senior Amanda Kershner wraps her in toilet paper.
Right: Sophomore Nathaniel Poling takes a slide down the wet and wild waterslide
Far Right: A group of sophomores tug-of-war over some seriously slimy goo





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SPORTS

Despite bad weather, baseball is headed for conference

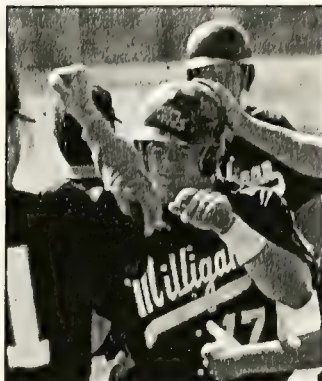
By Chad Booth
News Editor

Milligan's baseball team is in a close race for the conference title, despite 15 games cancelled throughout the season due to bad weather.

According to Ray Smith, assistant coach, the team will not be able to make up all of the games due to scheduling conflicts, but they will try to make up some key games and all conference games. Their last conference game is set for Apr. 28.

"We have a lot of conference games in next two weeks," said Smith. "We'll try to make them up when we can."

The Buffs have seen some excellent play from its lineup. Catcher Ryan Fulcher is batting around .400 with



Senior Ryan Fulcher slaps hands with teammates after a game.

Photo by Jason Harville

seven home runs.

"He's like a coach out there on the field for us," said Smith.

Scott Shealy, the team's third baseman, has made a significant contribution as well. After moving to the infield from his centerfield position last year, Shealy is batting around .340.

On Saturday, the men faced UVA-Wise in a doubleheader, winning both. Brad Zachritz pitched an outstanding game, throwing a no-hitter to shut down the opponent's offense. The Buffs played UVA-Wise again Sunday and pulled out another win, 10-6, sweeping UVA-Wise for the series and establishing their position as one of the top teams in the conference with a record of 9-2.

"Our pitching really stepped up," said Chuck Arnold, second baseman.

"That was probably the best hitting we've done all year."

Although the men are focused on the present, they are already looking forward to the conference tournament at Cardinal Park starting May 1.

"I think if we play to our potential and focus on being relaxed and having fun, we will win our conference and have a shot at regionals," said Aaron Thomas, outfielder.

Smith reiterated this by saying that he fully expects the team to be able to compete in the conference.

Tuesday the team played a non-conference doubleheader against Union College in Kentucky, winning one game and losing the other. The next game is scheduled for Wednesday at 2:00 at Tusculum College.

Softball team proves to be young, yet strong this season

By Jessica Hardison
Reporter

Sticking together as a team is the general consensus among the Lady Buffs softball team this season.

"No matter what happens outside, we're always a team on the field," said senior Dawn Loeser.

With a 7-11 record overall and a 6-10 record in the Appalachian Athletic Conference, the Lady Buffs are going to have to stick together in order to pull up from their fourth place position in the

conference.

"I think we're doing well this season, but we need to work on playing together for the whole 14 innings," said sophomore Jennifer Trompower. "If we keep that up we'll do very well this season because we're very strong in our fundamentals."

Although the Lady Buffs are a strong, young team this season, Loeser believes that they will be even stronger next season. As the only senior, Loeser tries to encourage the girls when team morale is low.



Freshman Brittany Fine prepares to catch a ball during a recent game at Milligan

Photo by Jason Harville

"I try to keep everyone pepped up after we've had a talk and everyone feels down," Loeser said. "We have to stay together as a team. We lose as a team and we win as a team."

Sticking together will be even more important now that freshman Brittany Fine is injured due to a foul ball hitting the side of her face last Wednesday. The Lady Buffs were playing Tennessee Wesleyan in Athens when Fine attempted to hit a high pitch causing the foul ball to

knock a tooth out and chip two others.

Sophomore pitcher Ashley Fine, her older sister, said that Fine might be back on the field late next week depending on her recovery time.

"We're going to have to work hard for the rest of our season leading up to the tournament, but we're a strong team—we can do it," said Ashley Fine.

As the sole senior player, Loeser has learned that having a positive attitude and a strong team spirit are the most important attributes in a good team.

"No matter if you are regional champs or if you're last in the conference; no matter if you win everything or lose everything, you have to stick together as a team," Loeser said.

On Tuesday the Lady Buffs played a doubleheader against conference leader Montreat and lost both games by a slim margin. The final score in both games was 8-7. Montreat made a comeback each time in the last inning, the second game being played to eight innings. Their next game will be a doubleheader Wednesday, April 11 at 2:00 against UVA-Wise, in Wise, VA.

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EDITORIAL

Worship: to kiss, pay homage, bow down or serve



By
Krishana
Kraft

Senior Editor

Over the last four years at Milligan, I've observed quite a bit of kissing. Whether it was parents kissing their children goodbye after unloading their belongings into a Milligan dorm room, couples kissing in Hart Hall lobby or seeing my friends kiss their true love for the first time as husband or wife.

So, have you kissed?

Webster defines a kiss as a caress with the lips. This intimate act usually takes a casual relationship to a deeper level. The more serious a relationship becomes, the more passionate the kiss.

So, what about kissing Christ?

Looking up the word worship, I find many definitions for this complex term, such as to kiss, to pay homage to, to bow down, or to serve.

Worship has been a regular topic at Milligan. Maybe I just see it that way because I've been designated as the worship wars columnist-reporter. Looking back through *The Stampede* headlines, I discover that "Worship: It's a daily thing," that "Chapel music divides campus," "Praise band violates comfort zone," or that "Chapel attempts to bridge gap."

During my time here, Seeger Chapel has had a taste of all different styles and types of worship. Some people worship God through contemporary praise songs, others worship through traditional hymns, and then there were many who decided to worship themselves, their homework or their neighbor through conversation.

I entered into chapels at Milligan with the sounds of electric guitars and leave with sounds of responsive readings. These types of changes may have some itching to complain or applaud, but I see it as an opportunity to

grow.

"I agree that not all chapels are wonderful, but life is like that," said Charlene Kiser in her "Response to chapel" in the 1997 final edition of *The Stampede*. "We don't always like everything we encounter. And often we have to do things we don't want to do. But I have learned that valuable ideas and lessons from God are hidden in the most boring sermon."

Chapel is about worship, but worship isn't just about chapel.

When Moses encountered God in the burning bush, he took off his sandals because the place he was standing was holy ground.

As a continual flow of bad circumstances confronted Job, he tore his robe, shaved his head and

fell to the ground in worship.

David worshipped God for knowing him intimately, for protecting him and for being a BIG God.

"Some people worship God through contemporary praise songs, others worship through traditional hymns, and then there were many who decided to worship themselves, their homework or their neighbor through conversation."

-Krishana Kraft,
Senior Editor

Daniel knelt in prayer before God even though the law of the land told him not to.

And Christ was nailed to a cross with a

crown of thorns on his head, and taking his last breath, he said, "It is finished."

Worship is about life.

It's about reverence, trust, faith, a relationship with God and living in mind of the sacrifice of his Son.

Worship is kissing Christ.

"I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips" (Ps. 34:1, NIV).

Acts of vandalism continue to cost school money



By
Chad
Booth

News Editor

I have made it no secret in my time here at Milligan that I felt the rules were too strict. I honestly felt that we were all young adults and should be treated that way. This is not the case anymore, though. There are a few juveniles in our midst, fellow students whose actions are costing us our freedom.

For two years now I have been the guy at the library who ushers students out at the stroke of midnight, usually hearing the com-

mon complaint that they had nowhere to go to study. Julie Ray, director of student life, fought against long standing rules and the resistance to change in order to lengthen the hours for the SUB. She is still in the process of lobbying for longer dorm visitation hours, but this new rash of vandalism is undermining her efforts.

With everything from stolen jerseys, free weights, silk plants, a security phone in Sutton, and equipment from the communications building, to the destruction of furniture, driving across a muddy lawn, and leaving trash in the buildings, these children are blowing our chance at more freedom.

Generally speaking, most of

the students are abiding by the rules. It is the disrespectful minority who are responsible for the administration's lack of trust in us. If we ever want to be trusted with the big responsibilities we can't keep messing up the little ones.

In addition, all of these little acts of insolence cost the college money. Where do you think that money comes from? Many students wonder why tuition increases year after year. Take a wild guess why. If students would act responsibly and act as caretakers for Milligan property it might not be necessary to increase tuition.

Not only are these pranks costly, most of them are criminal. Is the really the legacy you want

to leave behind to represent your time here? Sure, sometimes things happen as accidents. However, if they are really accidents you should admit to what happened and pay for the damage. A responsible adult does not run from their mistakes.

As for the rest of you, those students who are following the rules, you need to act as your own community watch. Don't look the other way when you see someone doing something wrong. Each person's actions affect the whole group. If someone steals a jersey they might as well have stolen directly from you. Take up for yourself. Don't let those around you dictate future rules at Milligan.

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Derthick renovation 90 percent complete

By Jennifer Soucie

Web Editor

The smell of new paint and the glint of shiny desks greeted students last week as construction workers continued

putting the finishing touches on the massive Derthick renovation project.

The new look of Derthick is a welcome change to those in the Milligan community like

Pat Magness, professor of English and humanities.

"I love the air conditioning and the bright lights," she said. "I love the desks because there's room for two

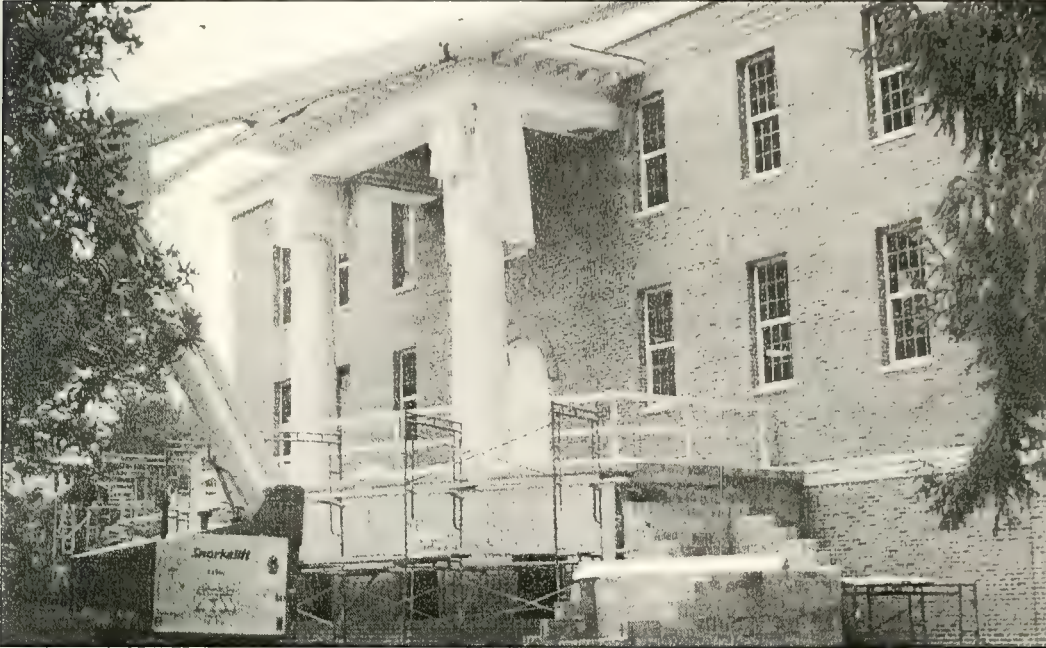
books at once."

After Milligan received notification of donations for the renovation in January, the college employed architects Beeson, Lusk, and Street, Inc. to draw plans for the renovation.

President Donald Jeanes said the architect recommended contractor Burleson Construction Company, who was then hired to complete the project. Thomas Burleson, owner of Burleson Construction, is also on Milligan's Board of Trustees.

Burleson Construction has a history of working with Milligan renovation projects. The company remodeled Derthick Hall in the 1970's and lower Hardin Hall in 1998.

Burleson Construction Company completed approximately ninety percent of the renovation in just ninety days between the spring and fall semesters.



Construction continues on Derthick's portico and Student Lounge.

-photo by Sarah Small

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Information Technology improves student services

By Christan McKay

Managing Editor

This year students can look forward to improved computer services made possible by the upgrading of servers, the change of Internet provider and the addition of new software called "Blackboard."

"We've increased the allotment that students can have

on their H drives and what they can store in their e-mail," said Mike Smith, director of information services. "We're testing some things out. We're trying the best that we can to accommodate students' increasing needs for additional bandwidth and more storage on the network."

The amount of storage on most servers was increased, resulting in more room on

student H drives and e-mail. Milligan also now has greater bandwidth, or amount of information that can be transmitted at one time, because of the acquisition of an entire T1 line for Milligan's use.

A T1 line is a digital carrier used to transmit digital signals, which allows users to connect to a local network and then to the Internet, according to the TSCNet Information

Center.

Until this summer, Milligan shared a T1 line with King College and Virginia Intermont. According to Smith, the advantage of not sharing a line is more available bandwidth. In the past, King took up about 60 percent of available bandwidth, Milligan used 35 percent and Virginia

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Features

Flood waters threaten Milligan grounds and water supply

By **Nathaniel Poling**

Reporter

Edited by staff

No more pouring bottled water over toothbrushes and no more boiling water to wash dishes - Milligan students are now free of water restrictions.

Elizabethton city officials declared the water safe to drink on Monday, nearly two weeks after flooding left the local water supply unsafe for consumption.

Heavy rains left the creeks that supply fresh water to the area flooded and the level of turbidity, or cloudiness of the water, was well above state standards.

The Tennessee Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Water Supply states that the maximum level of turbidity for water influenced by surface water is 20 nephelometric units (NTU), with no sample to exceed 50 NTU.

"We're equipped to treat levels below 20 NTU," said Ted Leger, Elizabethton's Director of Public

Works, in an interview with the Elizabethton Star. "But our readings showed levels well over 100."

Milligan's water supply remained at unsafe levels of turbidity longer than Elizabethton due to its placement at the end of the water line, according to Leonard Beattie, physical plant director.

The school tried to lessen the inconvenience for students by providing bottled water in the residence halls until turbidity levels returned to normal. Beattie said that during the water crisis, the school spent an average of \$250 a day on ice and around \$200 a day on fresh water.

"In the beginning it was bothersome," said freshman Alisa Ferlicca. "But because we have been given bottled water everything has turned out fine."

According to Betsy Magness, resident director of Hart Hall, resident assistant training was slightly disrupted

because RAs had to distribute fresh water to the rooms on their floors. Despite the inconvenience, there were no major complaints as fresh water was readily available to every new and returning student.

The Milligan Cafeteria was also affected by the water crisis. Dave Taylor, manager of the cafeteria, said that while food preparation was not drastically disrupted as the water is boiled during cooking - beverage preparation was a more difficult task. The Army Reserve helped the situation by supplying and refilling a 400-gallon tank called

a "water buffalo."

The storms that caused the water contamination also caused Buffalo Creek to overflow its banks, completely flooding Milligan's softball field and most of the baseball field just days before students returned to campus.

"There were ducks swimming on the softball field," junior John Lawson said.

"It was a mess," said Kevin Brinn, director of sports marketing and summer programs.

He added, however, that Milligan suffered no grievous financial loss from the damage caused.



Rising waters threaten to overtake gazebo.

-Picture by Carolyn Patton

Information Technology continued

Intermont consumed the remaining five percent.

"Three schools were using the same amount of bandwidth that we now have just dedicated to Milligan," Smith said. "There was a dramatic rise in the amount of bandwidth that King College was taking up and our bandwidth was at a max pretty much all through the year."

Smith said that he is hopeful that the addition of more available bandwidth, as well as the switch from U.S. Sprint to Mountain Net as an Internet provider, should also make a

small difference in the speed of connections.

"Downloads should be quicker," he said. "The normal everyday surfing I'm not sure there'll be a big difference in that, but if you're downloading something from an FTP site or something like that you should see some improvement."

The improvement in bandwidth could also potentially open up the possibility for such services as streaming audio on the WUMC website.

Smith said that some issues, such as the use of mp3's, would

have to be discussed before moving in this direction.

"I think we can work toward putting WUMC on the Internet," Smith said. "I don't see it happening right away because we have a lot of other issues we're trying to work out. This is a very busy time of the year for us as we try to get things back into shape."

Another important improvement to Milligan's computer service is the addition of a new program called "Blackboard" and a server to accommodate it. According to the Blackboard website, the program is a course management system which can be customized for a particular institution.

Dr. Bruce Montgomery, head of the communications department, is one of several professors using the Blackboard program this year, although due to some delays and late installation not all instructors will be implementing the program this semester.

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Sports

Soccer teams get survival training

By Misty Fry
Editor-in-Chief

While many Milligan students were enjoying their last days of summer watching reruns on TV, the Milligan men's and women's soccer teams were having a "Survivor" episode of their own on the beautiful banks of Lake Wataga.

Marty Shirley, the head men's soccer coach, initiated the idea of a camping trip to teach the teams to work together to accomplish a goal, no matter how hard the task.

"It was good to get the guys away from soccer for some good team bonding and hard work," said Assistant Soccer Coach Matt Thomas. "By the end of the trip it was obvious the team had grown closer, even on the van trips. You could just see it."

The men's trip was Aug. 9-12 and the women's trip was Aug. 12-13, giving each team time to bond with nature and other teammates as they struggled to meet the challenges the coaches put before them.

During the "vacation" from practice, both teams had to run obstacle courses and take part in training activities that included swimming, running and canoe relays -- all in the rain.

"It rained like crazy," said senior Brian Davis. "We were told that it was the worst storm that Johnson City has had in 10 years, and only one campsite could keep a fire going."

Both teams were divided into tribes. For the men, each tribe had to start on the banks of Lake Wataga and swim 1/2 mile to the center island. They had one canoe per tribe, which had to hold all of their gear. Each player was able

to bring nine items, which included the clothes they were wearing. One luxury item was allowed, such as a toothbrush or a bar of soap. One tent and one tarp were also given for each tribe of eight men.

"The hardest part was swimming one mile to the island," said freshman Jeremy Brooks, a JV player. "There were times I thought, 'I can't do this. I want to go home. Why did I come to Johnson City just for this?'"

The tribe that completed each challenge first got the prize-food.

Meals were sparse, including half a piece of turkey and two slices of bread. The winning tribe would receive a two-course meal that included the turkey sandwich and a bag of chips. A third-course meal would have Gatorade.

While many of the challenges were planned, some opportunities were stumbled upon.

According to Thomas, a big log was found in the water weighing about 700 lbs., and the tribes were challenged to move the log out of the water and over to their campsite.

"We had no leader at first," said Brooks. "But after awhile it got easier. It was like lifting a little car. There was no way to get your hands on [the log] and it was heavy, even with 20 guys lifting."

The women's team didn't have to work for their food, but they did have to participate in competitions such as relay races and a rescue challenge. During this challenge the tribes had to swim and save one of their teammates in the water.

"Now that I look back on it, it was a good bonding experience,

especially standing under a canoe in the pouring rain with my teammates at three in the morning," said junior Amanda White.

The lesson for the Survivor challenge weekend was, "We don't move the fire, we move the log," which means that a team does not take the easy way out.

"Retrospectively, it was one of the best experiences of my life," Davis said. "I saw the guys come together, the freshman step it up. It will be a tough season, with tough opponents, but we just have to push through."

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Derthick continued

Improvements include re-bricking the outside walls, renovation of the south façade, new windows, flooring, and air conditioning.

Since, the college wanted to utilize the renovated structure for the fall semester, the contractor completed the heaviest construction work during the summer months.

During the initial ninety-day renovation period, Burleson Construction employed fifty to seventy-five workers daily, working six days per week from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The summer work was only slightly behind schedule. Jeanes said that the delays were beyond Milligan's control. Fiber optic cables strung between McEwan Cottage and Derthick flooded, slowing down the summer renovation efforts. Some crucial building materials arrived in August rather than the scheduled July delivery date.

Eight to 10 workers continue to work on the building daily.

"Most of the noisy work will occur after classes each day," Jeanes said.

Although most Derthick classrooms were functional last week, the rest of the building remains unfinished and without lockable doors.

"It was a slight inconvenience," said Professor of Art Nick Blosser, who still holds classes in the bottom of Hopwood Christian Church and is without an office or computer.

The offices of adult education, the registrar and the academic dean remain in temporary trailers in front of Derthick.

Mark Matson, academic dean, said he hopes to move into the new Derthick offices on Sept. 6, when Sprint wires the phone lines back to the Derthick offices. The new third-floor language lab still needs 10 new computers and language software.

Also, some new technology classrooms still lack televisions.

Insights

Student learns life lessons on South Dakota reservation

By Erin Hogshead
Contributing Writer

I look out across the South Dakota plain, viewing the never-ending sunset rippling from the sky. I think to myself what an amazing artist God is. Suddenly, I feel my cheek stinging and I realize someone has hurled a rock at me. I wipe off the blood, turning around to see Sonny, a 14-year-old American Indian with torn blue jeans, a shaved head and mud smeared across his grinning face. Behind him is a tiny dilapidated house with the gutters rotting, paint peeling, holes in the roof, a missing door, no air-conditioning and crammed with 14 people.

This is the Cheyenne River Reservation in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, where I worked for two months this summer at The Main, a children's center. I came there with bright eyes full of hope and was met with cold stares and tightened lips. As I would walk into stores, I saw the hate and fear in the peoples' eyes. Their fear was linked to the color of my skin. For the first time, I felt the discrimination of race toward me, a blond-haired girl.

This fear is understandable due to what I, a white middle-class American, represent to them.

But the amazing part was that the people soon forgot about my race and saw my heart. They took me into their community, forgot the crimes of my ancestors and taught me about their culture.

The town of Eagle Butte was formed 75 years ago when the Lakota Indians were forced to move from their riverside home after the government built a new dam. The unemployment of this reservation is 78 percent and climbing. The Native Americans cannot reform thousands of years of traditional living to adapt to the white culture surrounding them. This causes Eagle Butte to be the poorest part of the United States. The loss of income and culture causes such a great depression on the reservation that many Native Americans commit suicide, have alcoholism problems and live in abusive situations.

From nine in the morning until nine at night I worked with kids from the ages of two to 14 who have seen more suffering in a day than I have even heard of in my entire 20. The two kids who I

became closest to showed me more about life than I could have ever learned from an elderly person. Melvin, age nine and OJ, age seven, have never had a new outfit in their lives. They wear pants twice their size, shirts with holes and no shoes. Their arms are covered with cigarette burns from where their father punished them for running away from him when he chased them with a beer bottle. When they were too scared to go home, these two would crawl under a playhouse in the children's center play yard and sleep.

From them I learned how important it is to share joy when you have it. OJ could always make me smile no matter what. Whenever he would do something he knew he should not he would run up to me and say, "Erin, now you know I am a good boy." His smile would melt my heart and I would try to help him to get out of trouble.

The Main gives children a safe place to play games, go to parties, take field trips, make crafts, eat a hot meal, or just be a kid without having to worry about getting yelled at. Fifty to 100 children come through the doors daily. With seven other volunteers, I tried my best to give back a piece of childhood to kids who have been forced into a world of darkness. The purpose of The Main is to create memories of peaceful times for the children and to reinstall a sense of trust and hope.

Hogshead captures sweet moment of Lakota Child.

photo by Erin Hogshead



Erin Hogshead plays with a child on the Lakota reservation.

photo contributed by Erin Hogshead

When I left The Main, Melvin and OJ came to say goodbye to me and as I started to leave my heart sunk to see their faces for the last time. OJ yelled out to me, "Never forget me." I thought, "How could I ever forget one of my greatest teachers in life?" I learned more about life and people from living on the reservation than I could ever learn from a book.

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Terrorist attacks rock world and Milligan community

By **Misty Fry**
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and **Regina Holtman**
Senior Editor

While rescue crews were still trying to find the dead and wounded at the World Trade Center Tuesday night, Milligan students and faculty were clasping hands and murmuring prayers for peace.

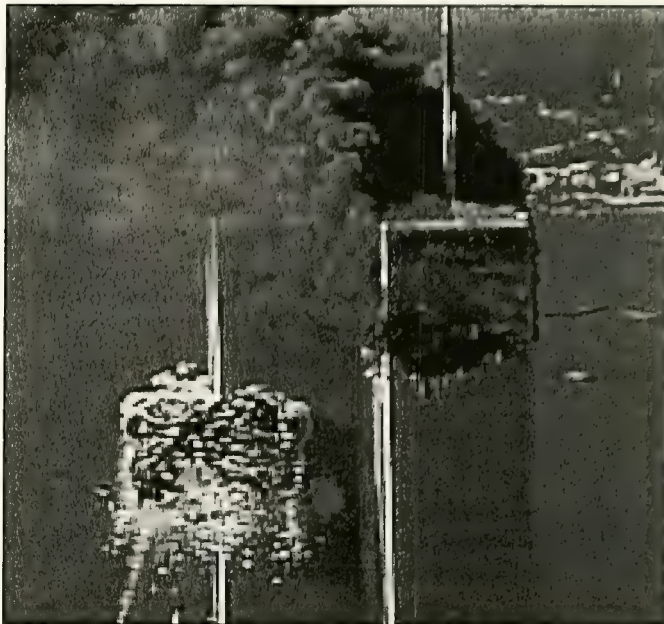
Within a span of two hours Tuesday morning, terrorists succeeded in destroying four commercial planes as they demolished the World Trade Center, slammed into the Pentagon and made a crash landing near Shanksville, Penn.

"I think coming together as a community to pray helped us," said senior Andrew Parker, co-chair of the spiritual life committee. "Not only to unite us as a community, but to come together as individuals and refocus our attention on having compassion for those involved and not on retaliation for those who did this."

Academic Dean Mark Matson sent out an e-mail to faculty encouraging them to continue classes and facilitate discussion on the day's events. In their Tuesday classes and at the prayer vigil, the Milligan community grappled with questions like "How should Christians react to acts of terrorism?" and "What

does it mean to 'turn the other cheek?'" "I think that as a Christian I am called to respond differently," senior Tisha

revenge as I see the images on television of people jumping to their deaths from burning buildings."



-Photo by NBC News

Bertoli posted on a Christ and Culture discussion board. "But of course as a sinful human, I immediately think of

Campus Minister Nathan Flora encouraged students to not view terrorists as our enemies or harbor hatred.

"What brought these people to act this way?" Flora said. "They didn't just victimize and we aren't just victims."

Many students are expressing mixed emotions between issues of forgiveness, feelings of anger and questions for God.

"I'm just as guilty for murder as the people that caused this accident for all the hate that I have," junior Tony Jones said after the vigil.

Meanwhile, the terrorist attacks have hit close to home for some in the Milligan community, who are concerned for close friends and family members working in Washington, D.C. and New York.

Senior Amanda Daugherty worries for her fiancée, Corporal José Gonzales who is an active-duty marine stationed in Maryland.

"My personal vendetta is that people in the military are not just faces but individuals," Dougherty said. "I don't disagree with retaliation but we need to consider that they are fiancées, sons ... it's easy for someone to say, 'Let's go nuke them.'"

Members of the Milligan community attending the prayer vigil found solace in reading Psalms 46 and ended their meeting singing hymn 330.

"When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well with my soul."

SGA plans for new year

By **Misty Fry**
Editor-in-Chief

Members of Milligan's SGA geared up for the new year last weekend with a leadership retreat in Bluff City, where they made plans and reevaluated their mission statement.

On Sept. 7-8, with the help of Julie Ray, director of student life and guest Rob Castens from Northeast Christian Church in Louisville, Ky., the SGA was able to focus on becoming a team in order to better serve the students' needs.

"It was good to get to know the members and become closer-knit," said Jason Harville, SGA treasurer. "From an executive council level, we got to know each other really well. We are ready to focus on the goals for the upcoming year."

Castens, a leadership/teamwork

expert, is a 1986 Milligan graduate and is a former director of campus activities at Milligan. He also has experience in leading the student government at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill.

Castens taught the executive council problem-solving techniques, focusing on the story of Nehemiah in the Bible. Castens taught that Nehemiah was able to rebuild the wall in Jerusalem because he had a plan, evaluated the problem and stuck with the project, no matter how hard the task.

"Rob is great," Ray said. "He was very focused and tailored to specific needs on Milligan's campus."

While at the retreat, the SGA also worked on a new constitution, a new mission statement and a SGA handbook. The handbook will include information on elections, how meetings are to be run and the procedures for



-Photo by Jason Harville

receiving money.

A focus this year, according to Nevan Hooker, SGA president, is for SGA to go beyond just being a government and getting involved in the lives of students.

"I want to see walls be broken down, and bring the campus closer together—being inclusive instead of exclusive by serving and supporting different clubs," Hooker said.

The SGA also plans to continue activities done in the past, including sponsoring TWIRP week, town meetings, a blood drive and the Make a Difference Award.

Jenny Ring
Reporter

The results are in for the freshman class representatives.

Rachel Cunningham is the president. Sara Clark and Beth Kneisley are the female representatives and Steven Burge and Ash Green are the male representatives.

As the newest members of SGA, their first major responsibility will be planning and carrying out TWIRP (The Woman Is Required To Pay) week, September 24th-28th.

News

New clubs appeal to interests of student body

By Jennifer Soucie
Reporter

Several new groups made their first appearances at the annual Rush Day on Sept. 4, continuing the Milligan tradition of students starting their own clubs.

The new group Four Fried Chickens and a Coke drew many to its table with a list of mock quotes by faculty members. SGA Food Chancellor senior Kent Pettit is organizing the group.

Pettit said he thought he should start a club where students could fellowship because of Milligan's focus on community.

He said, "Nevan encouraged me to be as creative as I could be."

The group will visit non-trendy, non-chain and non-fast food restaurants one or two times monthly.

The name for the club comes from the 1980 movie "The Blues Brothers" when Joliet Jake visited Aretha Franklin's Soul Food Café and ordered four fried chickens and a Coke.

Pettit said the Rush Day signups yielded seventy-five to 100 interested students. The first excursion will be on Sept. 14.

Le Cercle Francais is the new French club started last spring and is run by Associate Professor of French Carolyn Woolard. The group plans to eat French food, play games, go on field

trips and learn about French culture, said Grete Riggs, group representative. Students interested in joining are not required to take French classes or speak the language. The first meeting was on Sept. 9.

A new Publicity Council started from a collaborative effort between Director of Student Life Julie Ray and Public Relations Director Lee Fierbaugh.

Senior Sarah Coleman is the current student director. She said the purpose of the new council is to find ways to publicize student life events on campus so that students will learn about the activities.

Students majoring in fine arts, communications or marketing are encouraged to join the club to build their portfolios while gaining practical work experience.

Ray said she hopes to have one position each semester where a student receives internship credit for directing the council. The student will work ten hours per week for fifteen weeks.

The new club Volleyball team was started by junior Adam Kneisley and Ethan Magness, resident director of Hart Hall. Thirteen men are already committed to the team.

Kneisley said, "we are providing an opportunity for any male Milligan student or faculty member to play com-

petitive volleyball in an organized setting."

The team is practicing twice per week in the fieldhouse.

The team is currently playing in the Elizabethton city league. Kneisley said he and Magness are "trying to formulate which colleges we want to get in contact with." Magness said he hopes that other area schools will be interested in forming their own teams and that Milligan can host a tournament in the future.

Milligan's new chapter of the Association for Childhood Education International also set up a table at Rush Day. The group began last spring and holds meetings once per month.

Junior Katie Lloyd, a representative of the group, said, "we recognize the teachers that help us become educators."

The ACEI helped the spring

Milligan missions trip to Arizona gather supplies. They also helped the local literacy club get funds for books, Lloyd said.

The club is open to Milligan education majors from infancy through middle grades.

Another new group, the FreeBirds, attracted many curious students to their table. Although many Milligan students have recently become engaged, the FreeBirds are committing to singleness while at Milligan.

Group leaders plan to take the group hiking and camping and promote fellowship among singles.

Sophomore Eric Starr said that club members who "get hooked up" will be kicked out of the club and humiliated.

Sophomore Dave Guyer said, "we cannot be caged."

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Campus volunteer organization gets new name, new outlook

By Annie Tipton
Reporter

The student-run organization formerly known as the Volunteer Action Center is taking on new leadership and a new name in an effort to remain a useful tool for students to get involved in volunteer work in the community.

LINC (Linking Individuals to the Needs of the Community) is the new name for this group of students who will be available with resources and contacts of local organizations that need volunteer work of all sorts. According to LINC staff members Grete Riggs and Brad Parker, the reason for the name change was to make a brand new start with the organization.

"It (The Volunteer Action Center) really wasn't much of a presence on campus," Riggs said. "There was no staff, so the Volunteer Action Center was non-existent," Parker said.

Leaders of LINC are hoping to be more available to students and want this

fresh start to be a good foundation for a long-lasting volunteer organization.

The Volunteer Action Center was started by Milligan-student Jill Bumpus (class of '00). The success of the organization continued until Bumpus graduated, but few were left to keep the center active. Riggs said one of LINC's goals is to create a strong team of committed staff that can keep LINC successful, even after graduations.

According to Julie Ray, director of campus life, student surveys completed last year showed that Milligan students want to help others through volunteer service.

"One of the ways students felt they were succeeding in fulfilling the mission of the college was through volunteer service," Ray said. "How students wanted to improve on this mission statement was to do more service."

"LINC's goal is to create awareness that there are opportunities to volunteer off-campus," Riggs said.

A Milligan community member

will be able to go to the LINC office and be easily plugged into a volunteer organization where his or her talents will be best used, he said.

"Someone may come in and be a nursing major," Parker said. "We can inform that person of volunteer opportunities at the American Red Cross, for example."

In addition to serving as a beginning point for students interested in volunteer work, LINC hopes to organize trips to volunteer organizations. These trips will be available for the entire Milligan community, but are primarily structured for those who do not have cars on campus or are too busy to make a steady commitment to volunteering.

The LINC office is located in the SUB across from the student lounge. LINC will publicize when the office officially opens. Until that time, students may contact staff members, Rachel Jones, Katie Lloyd, Brad Parker, Lindsay Patterson, Rebecca Reynolds, Grete Riggs or Adam Samaritoni.

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Sports

Soccer improves records with wins

Sarah Small
Photography Editor

The Men's soccer team beat North Georgia University Saturday, Sept. 8. Sophomore Jason Hotchkin started off his first collegiate game with 2 goals in the first 2 minutes of play. The second was a beautiful diving header that senior Phil Brown said was, "easily the nicest goal thus far in our season."

Hotchkin scored one more goal, and senior Dalan Telles also scored three goals with freshman Ali Mohamed scoring one bringing the final score to 7-0. Mohamed's goal was a continuance of his six game scoring streak. This game brings their record to 5-1 and 1-0 in the conference.

The Bryan College game that was scheduled for Tuesday, September 11 was postponed to Thursday, September

13 because of the terrorist attacks.

Led by two goals from freshman Kimberly Morris, the Lady Buffs soccer team beat Erskine College (S.C.), 3-0, at home on Monday night. With the Buffs holding a slim 1-0 lead in the last 10 minutes, Morris took advantage of Erskine's defensive confusion on a corner kick to thread the ball through a knot of players into the back of the net. Less than five minutes later, sophomore Bianca Spoto broke down the left side and, with the Erskine keeper charging, tucked the ball into the far side of the net from 16 yards out.

Milligan's starting goalkeeper, freshman Emma Wirkus, was injured late in the second half and left the field with assistance.

The next home match for the Lady Buffs is Saturday at 3:30 p.m. against Lee University, followed by a men's match at 7 p.m. against King College.



Erin Willard battles the opposing team for control.

-Photo by Jason Harville

Women's volleyball team sets up promising start

By Melissa McGovern
Reporter

The women's volleyball team dug into their season last week, winning their first three games against Montreat.

The Lady Buffaloes defeated the North Carolina team with final scores of 30-23 in the first game, 31-29 in the second and 30-22 in the final game.

The women earned their win with successful spikes by senior Heather

Eckman, juniors Christina Medlin and Wendy Weaver and sophomore Nikki Crouch.

A save by junior Melody Black, and numerous sets by junior Heather Lanning also contributed to the win.

"(The team) is well rounded," said Coach Debbie Cutshall. "We don't really have any weak areas, and we hustle well."

In addition to having a diverse team, the women are working hard on strategies for the game and improving weak areas.

"We have been working on defense all week," Weaver said. "We are a short team, so we have been working on scrapping — not letting anything hit the ground. We are working on staying low, working as a team and keeping focused on it all."

Overall the players walked away happy with the team's performance Tuesday.

"We didn't let them get up very far, and we had fun," Medlin said after the game. "We just played together and didn't get down when we messed up."

With its winning start, the team strives to improve each game, focusing on end-of-the-season tournaments.

"Our ultimate goal is to win nationals, but there are a few goals along the way like winning conference," Cutshall said. "If we win conference, we automatically get to host the conference tournament and automatically get to go to regionals."

The volleyball team played Brevard at home last night and tomorrow will oppose Bryan at 7:00 p.m. in the Steve Lacey Fieldhouse.

Mic Night kicks off Sub 7

By Christian McKay
Managing Editor

Ten acts, around 80 spectators, lots of coffee and burning candles helped kick off this year's first SUB 7 coffee house Saturday, Sept. 8 with "Open Mic Night."

"We wanted to start out with open mic and hopefully get some talent out that might not have had the chance in the past and take from them some people on campus that can play for SUB 7," said Becky Ruby, SUB 7 organizer.

The evening featured campus talent including bands, musicians and poetry readings. Organizers hoped that the event would not only showcase campus talents, but also introduce new students to SUB 7 and draw a large support base for the rest of the semester.

"I think it was a good way to start off SUB 7 this year," said senior Amber Ybarra. "It was also good to introduce freshmen and new students to some of the talent we have here on campus."

"We wanted to introduce SUB 7 to freshmen or people who have never been before and we wanted it to be a big crowd for the first night," Ruby said. "That (open mic night) was one of the most successful SUB 7's last year. We were hoping to get a ton of people in there and to try to get some interest for the other bands coming this year."

This year the focus of SUB 7 will be more on exposing local and campus talent rather than bringing in big names and expensive acts, Ruby said.

"In the past we've tried to bring in bands that cost a lot of money and not a lot of people have been coming out to support that," she said. "This year we

decided to go with some people that are on campus. People know them already. They don't cost much, but we'll get a good crowd."

Other acts coming this semester include: Joel Bitterman, Sept. 22;

Jeremy Walker, Oct. 20; Esther's Request, Nov. 10; and Chris Eger and Rachel Knowles, Dec. 1.

SUB 7 will also be the home of the fall theater production, "The Actor's Nightmare," which runs Oct. 10 to 13.

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Insights

SurfWatch switch to Chaperon 2000 an improvement?

By **Christan McKay**
Managing Editor

Due to a change in firewalls this summer, Milligan has switched from the all too familiar "SurfWatch" program to the new "Chaperon 2000."

"The reason we switched off 'SurfWatch' to 'Chaperon' is that we moved to a different firewall," said Mike Smith, director of information technology. "'SurfWatch' did not work with what we were doing. 'Chaperon' does and that's why we switched."

Chaperon 2000 features "customizable filtering to its patented notification technology," which "protects kids from inappropriate material, businesses from liability and you from worry," according to the Chaperon homepage.

Just how well the "Chaperon 2000" program is working remains to be seen.

A few days ago I was sitting at my computer when two of my friends came running into my room.

"You've got to see this," one said, with a tone of urgency.

When we arrived in their room I discovered that they were logged on to the Internet. A pretty innocent looking website was open. But, when we clicked on a link to a site containing book summaries, we were instantly denied access because of an advertisement containing information about online gambling.

This fact alone did not faze me, since in the past I have been "Surfblocked" out of the Weather Channel site due to questionable advertising.

"We thought we'd test something

out," said my friend. "If we can't access a site that has literature on it, we wanted to see if we could access one that we really shouldn't be able to."

She then proceeded to her e-mail, where she clicked on the first unsolicited pornographic e-mail that she found. She clicked on a link and to my surprise; she was able to access a pornography site, complete with pictures and links to other sites.

In total, they were able to access 14 out of 15 pornographic sites. This included both clicking on links and typing in URL's directly.

Other users have found similar problems when attempting to access a site.

"I don't understand why I should be able to look at hundreds of nude people and yet not be able to research Shakespeare's 'Mac Beth'," said senior Hannah Carson.

Though the software does have its problems, Milligan chooses to use it as a preventative method.

The use of blocking software like "Chaperon 2000" or "SurfWatch" was originally an administrative request, Smith said. He said he was requested to check records and see if there was enough of a problem to warrant the use of such software.

"I have feelings both ways," Smith said. "On the one hand you guys (students) are adults, but on the other hand we do have a responsibility to students

and donors as well ... there is an issue about Christianity and what the mission of the school is."

According to the computer policy, "Milligan College is a guest on the Internet, and use of the Internet through Milligan College facilities reflects upon the College. Accordingly, each user is expected to behave in a manner that

and partially through the use of technology.

Service providers like "Chaperon 2000" and "SurfWatch" have lists of websites with questionable content or specific words that make them targets for blocking, Smith said. When organizations like Milligan subscribe to the service, they download the lists and update them on their servers. Milligan updates these lists every day or every other day.

The school also has the power to override a block or to add additional sites. Students can also request that certain sites be blocked or be opened for use. Requests for overriding a block must go through a professor or the academic dean.

"We can override and block sites that they haven't caught," Smith said. "We get requests all the time from students asking us to unblock a site. I prefer not to be the policeman. I'd rather have that go through another channel. I suggest they go through a faculty member."

Milligan has the capability to monitor what sites students visit, although this issue is more privacy related.

"I want to be very careful that we don't invade the privacy of students," Smith said. "Yes, there's always the capability of us being able to crack down and we reserve the right to investigate if we suspect something, but we don't make a practice of it."

"On the one hand you guys (students) are adults, but on the other hand we do have a responsibility to students and donors as well ... there is an issue about Christianity and what the mission of the school is."

-Mike Smith

reflects our commitment to be a premier Christian liberal arts college where Jesus Christ is exalted and excellence is the standard."

This policy is upheld, partially by student compliance and responsibility

Brown performs for recital

By **Nathaniel Poling**
Features Editor

Dr. Kellie Brown, director of Milligan's strings program since 1998 presented a violin recital last Sunday afternoon in Seeger Chapel performing works by composers such as Handel and Beethoven. She was accompanied by Dr. Runner on organ and Mrs. Runner on piano.

"I like to pick things that are new to me and that the audience hasn't heard before," Brown said.

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Master of business graduate program possible

Autumn Hamby
Reporter

Milligan may be offering a new graduate program to earn a master's of business administration as early as fall 2003 said Bill Greer, associate professor of economics and business.

"By providing graduate level education in business from a Christian perspective, the Milligan MBA will be an important component of the college's efforts to change lives and shape culture through a commitment to Christian leadership," Greer said.

In October, a meeting of the Advisory Committee will further look into the 15-

page proposal. Faculty, technology and facilities are areas that are being taken into consideration.

"At this time, the process is still in the planning stage," said Academic Dean Mark Matson. "There are two sides: the faculty and the administration. The faculty side is to review the academic quality. The administrative side is to see if we have the resources available."

The proposal needs the support of both the academic dean and President Don Jeanes as well as the approval of the Academic Committee.

"Probably, this semester it will go to the Academic Committee," Greer said.

Upon the Academic Committee's approval, it must be presented before the entire faculty then approved by the Board of Trustees.

"There are several approval processes that this has to go through that we haven't done yet," Greer said, "but we will be there very soon."

The program will most likely require two new faculty members: one in management and one in marketing.

According to Greer, one of the main goals of the program is to bring more effective Christian business leaders into the business world.

"The faculty of the business area are hoping to build an MBA that rests upon

the core of Milligan's vision," Greer said.

To help Milligan stay current on what employers are looking for in employees, a new Business Advisory Panel will meet on Oct. 17. The panel will include a number of local business people. The program will affect students both on the graduate and undergraduate levels by giving Milligan more prominence in the business community.

"It would be nice to think of business people as having a Christian perspective as well as a business perspective," Matson said. "It is another way of completing our mission of integrating learning and a Christian perspective."

Historic Taylor house gets new lease on life from Jeanes

Paige Wassel
Reporter

The Taylor House, a historic home on the edge of Milligan College's campus near the soccer fields, is poised to gain new life as a hospitality and reception house for the Milligan community.

In a recent visit to David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn., First Lady Clarinda Jeanes observed a hospitality house managed by a women's group where the proceeds of their events went toward the school's scholarship funds.

"I thought this was a great concept and wanted to do something similar at Milligan with a hospitality house and ladies' organization," said Jeanes in a press release. "The fact that we had a historical house on campus was perfect and it also allows us to preserve a piece of history."

Jeanes said that a hospitality house would raise funds by catering luncheons and dinners or through renting the house to groups that might want to use their own caterer. Since a volunteer women's group would coordinate any activities at the Taylor House, all resulting proceeds of any event could go toward Milligan student scholarships.

Although she has received the school administration's approval, Jeanes said that she was told she will have to raise all the money herself from donors not already giving to Milligan College.

Meanwhile, an inspection of the

house found both the exterior and interior in need of thorough renovation, though the foundation is sound.

"I knew it was a God thing, and if was going to be a God thing, then it would work out," Jeanes said.

So far, Jeanes has raised \$160,000 of the estimated \$200,000 needed to renovate the house. She hopes to be done with the exterior work by winter so that the interior work could be done when the weather is bad. Jeanes said that both the excavation and some of the furnishings for the house have already been donated.

The renovation work has been done primarily by volunteers, church groups, alumni and friends of the college Jeanes said. Retired contractor Frank Jarrett of Johnson City has donated his time to overseeing the contracting work on the house. The renovation of the house will tentatively be done by the end of next summer.

"We're pleased with the way things are progressing," Jarrett said. "I think it's something people will look at it and be real proud someday."

Currently, the volunteers working at the Taylor house have been faced with the challenge of priming wood to re-side the house. Jeanes explained that the old siding was done with lead paint, which violates Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards, and must be redone. Also, the porch has been rebuilt using both new material and the original bricks from the building.

"I'm hoping some of the students

might want to come over and help me as time goes on and help with the house," Jeanes said.

Those interested in the renovation work could either contact her to set up a time or come down to the site because people are working on the house every day, she said.

Besides being used for dinners, Jeanes thought the Taylor House could also be used to house guests of the college since the upstairs will have two bedrooms and an office. She hopes to hold an event in the house for senior Milligan women who would be graduating and bring a guest speaker in once a year for the volunteer women's group.

The house was built in the late 1700's. Josh Williams, who owned the house from 1838 to 1880, supplied the land for the future Milligan College. Former Tennessee governor Alf Taylor owned the house later, and passed it onto his son Robert Love Taylor. Robert Taylor was a federal district judge as well as a Milligan alumnus and trustee. Following his death in 1989, Milligan



Clarinda Jeanes inspects the on-going renovations of the Taylor House.

-Photo by Sarah Small

College bought the house to use for residential housing. Due to efforts by Milligan alumnus Clint Holloway, the house was made a Tennessee Historic Site in 2000.

Nidiffer suffers heart attack

Jen Soucie
Web Administrator

Isaac Nidiffer, assistant professor of math, suffered a heart attack last week.

Doctors discovered that one of his arteries was 100 percent blocked. Over the summer, he was short of breath and struggled with the heat.

Nidiffer, 61, was released from intensive care at Baptist Hospital in Nashville on Sept. 12.

He joined the Milligan community as an adjunct professor in 1995. He is now a full-time faculty member.

Math faculty Kevin Shirley and Marvin Glover are teaching Nidiffer's classes until his return to Milligan.

Features

Singles group and couples Bible study provide fellowship opportunities

by **Christan McKay**
Managing Editor

Whether you are a swinging single or seriously "attached," Milligan's new groups provide an outlet for fun and fellowship with your peers in romantic status.

The new couples Bible study and a singles group called the "Free Birds" hope to provide a place of growth and support for their members throughout the school year.

The couples Bible study, led by Megan Juhl and Kevin Bobrow, is comprised of about 10 couples that meet every Wednesday at 10 p.m. in SUB 7.

The group is open to all couples, married, engaged or dating, and aspires to provide a laid back atmosphere where couples can grow together as

Christians and fellowship with other Christian couples.

"The reason we're doing this is because Kim Becker, Julie Ray and

such as finances, dealing with doubt, forgiveness and serving God together.

"It's just a time for people to grow together, not only as a couple but also to

"We are just supporting the poor lonely single people on campus, since everyone 'hooks up' all the time and the single people just sit around the dorms."

-Dave Guyer

Nathan Flora wanted to get one started," Bobrow said. "We were happy to do it. We're not really leading it — we're just the facilitators."

Different couples will speak at each meeting and will address topics of particular concern to Christian couples,

fellowship with and be encouraged by other couples," Juhl said. "A lot of couples feel isolated, like they don't have any friends outside their significant other, but we want to help that."

To combat this feeling, Bobrow and Juhl said that the group will also meet once a month for a "fun couples activity" such as bowling, eating out or going to the movies.

For those people not in a relationship, the new singles club "Free Birds" provides an alternative to "hooking up."

The Free Birds is a group comprised of about 45 members, both men and women. Sophomores Dave Guyer, Eric Starr and Cam Huxford founded the group this year. The goal of the group is to remain committed to singleness while at Milligan.

"We are just supporting the poor lonely single people on campus," said Guyer. "Since everyone 'hooks up' all the time and the single people just sit around the dorms."

Leaders hope to plan group activities such as camping and hiking, which will promote fellowship among singles on campus, although details and meeting times are still in the planning stage.

Any group member who does not remain single while a Free Bird will be kicked out of the group.

Milligan men dust off draft draft cards and ponder future

by **Nathan Mulder**
Reporter

The Congress, President and the Pentagon are all speaking of a sustained military campaign against terrorists. A majority of the nation stands behind their governmental leaders and what they are proposing. The recent national crisis has many draft-age men wondering and worrying if they will be called to arms, though government officials say a draft is unlikely.

"The Selective Service System remains in standby, caretaker status. At this time, there has been no indication from the Congress or the administration that a return to the draft will be necessary," said a SSS statement. "It would take a legislative action by the Congress and implementation by the President to reinstate a draft in an emergency."

The SSS mission is to provide manpower to the armed forces in an emergency and to run an alternative service program for men who choose not to serve on moral grounds during a draft. Even though it seems unlikely that there will be a draft, the recent national crisis has left some Milligan males remembering the paperwork they filled out with the SSS.

"I never would have thought that I might have to possibly face a draft when I sent in the information for my selective service registration," said senior Jeremy Walker.

If a draft were necessary, college students would not find themselves automatically exempt like students during the Vietnam War did. Then, college campuses all over the United States were a safe harbor for those

wanting to avoid the draft. For a man to qualify for a student deferment, all he had to do was show that he was a full-time student and working toward a degree.

However, in 1971 revisions were made in the draft. Today, if the draft were put into action, college students could only have their inductions postponed until the end of the semester. Also, seniors would be permitted to finish the academic year.

Women, ministers and ministerial students are exempted from military service. Otherwise, only men who have religious reasons for not serving, called conscientious objectors, can avoid military service. All other males between the ages of 18-25 are eligible for the draft.

"If the nation was in need of men and began the draft, I would enlist before they ever had to draft me," said junior Paul Hobbs.

Other students are more hesitant about military involvement.

"Right now I'm undecided about how I would respond to a draft notice," said senior Kent

Petit. "It would take much prayer and thought."

Fortunately, the word from the White House is that there are no signs in sight that the selective service will be invoked.

"There is no consideration of... (reinstating the draft)... at this time," said White House Spokesman Ari Fleisher last week, adding, "and from my conversations with the Pentagon, it's not something they anticipate."

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Sports

Lady buffs win two, lose two in annual Milligan tournament

by Leslie Jenkins
Contributing Writer.

The Milligan College softball team members turned in a successful result last weekend, winning half their games as they hosted the eighth annual fall tournament at Wing Deer Park.

The Buffs won two out of four games, defeating Lees McRae with a score of 7-2 and Mountain State University 2-1. The Buffs fell to Montreat 9-2 and Walters State by a score of 6-2.

Coach Wes Holly said he considered it a respectably played tourna-

ment for the Buffs. The fact that the team had a few weeks to practice for this tournament shows the vast potential they will have when the regular season rolls around, said senior team member Lauren Keister.

"When all the talent that everyone has comes together we'll be hard to beat," said junior second baseman Rebecca Dawson.

With six incoming freshmen and 12 returning players, the team is still considered young because there are only two seniors. However, Keister and

Lori Bainbridge showed a lot of senior leadership this weekend when they encouraged the team after the losses early Saturday to win the last game on Saturday evening.

Holly said the team has a deep lineup of pitchers, which the lady Buffs haven't had in the past. Junior pitcher Ashley Fine has three freshmen pitchers to take the pressure off her arm. Holly said that he wants to work with the pitchers on location of pitches to cut down on walks, but other than that he is pleased with their talent.

"The girls played good overall,"

Holly said. "Danelle Gilley, Katy Hodge and Brooke Davis, three freshmen, all played extremely well."

This tournament is popular with all the participating teams because it gives a good glance into talent of other teams, Holly said. It also allows for coaches to be able to play all the new and old players together for the first time, he added.

Participating teams spanned NCAA divisions two and three, NAIA and junior colleges.

The softball season will officially start in mid February.

Volleyball team falls to rival King College

by Regina Holtman
Senior Editor

The Milligan volleyball team lost to nemesis King College Tuesday, leaving the Buffs with the second best record in the conference.

Both teams were undefeated going into the match, but Milligan lost 30-17 in the first game, 30-21 in the second and 30-22 in the last.

"We just weren't playing together tonight," said defensive specialist Megan Hackler. "We were playing as individuals instead of as a team."

Because King has won the conference title for the last three years, the Buffs always face a mental challenge in

defeating them, players said.

"King is our biggest rival and they always have been," Hackler said. "I think we psych ourselves out and we lose before we get on the court. We can't figure out what to do to get past that."

However, outside hitter Heather Lanning doesn't attribute the loss to nerves.

"Tonight I think we tried too hard," she said. "When you try too hard and think too much, you just don't play."

Last weekend, the women's volleyball team traveled to Lee University to play four tournament games against skilled teams.

"In order to see other teams, we

always play tournaments. We can't ever improve playing the same teams over and over again," said coach Debbie Cutshall. "When you're playing someone better you are going to get better by watching them. It keeps you on your toes and improves you as a team."

The Lady Buffs lost three games and won against Georgia Southwestern.

The ladies will play another tournament at Emory University in Atlanta next weekend and will have their next conference game on Tuesday against Montreat College.

Their conference record is now 7-1 and overall record is 10-6.



Junior Wendy Weaver looks to spike.

- Photo by Jason Harville

Women's soccer defeats Montreat

by Phil Brown
Reporter

The Milligan women's soccer team defeated conference opponent Montreat College 6-0 Tuesday night.

The Lady Buffs, who improved to 6-2-1, received offensive firepower from six different players in the match.

Sophomore striker Danika Gumbs struck first, scoring her fifth goal of the season and her fourth against conference opponents. The Lady Buffs also received a goal from senior midfielder Casey Lawhon, who beat the Montreat keeper on a breakaway.

Milligan took a 3-0 lead into half-time, as sophomore Ashley Caldwell finished a loose ball in the penalty box shortly before the halftime whistle.

In the second half, it was another explosion of goals for the Lady Buffs as freshman Erin Willard, senior Salem Wood and sophomore Erika dePaula all added goals to finish off the Lady Cavaliers.

Goalkeepers Emma Wirkus and Abby Armstrong combined to record the shutout. Wirkus and Armstrong



Freshman Deniece Kitchen moves the ball upfield.

-Photo by Jason Harville

received a lot of help from Aussie sensation Kim Morris. The freshman sweeper who has played solid defense for the Lady Buffs all year continued to show her dominance of the AAC.

The Lady Buffs are now 3-1 in the conference and will take on conference rival and defending AAC champion Virginia-Intermont on Oct. 9 at Anglin Field at 7 p.m.

Cross Country teams claim first place

Misty Fry
Editor-in-Chief

The men's and women's cross country teams continue to make a name for themselves with their first place wins against nationally-ranked schools in the Berea Invitational held on Sept. 21.

Racing against such schools such as Asbury, Berea and Berry Colleges, both the men and women were able to come out on top, each with runners racing to a personal best time. The men defeated 12 teams with 44 points and the women crushed 10 teams with 36 points.

"Being able to run against NAIA schools is a benefit from a ranking standpoint," Head Coach Chris Layne said. "You have Berea on the men's side and Berry on the women's, both voted in the top 25 in the rankings. To beat both programs will help put us on the map. Getting people to recognize Milligan is tough though because we are so young."

Each team has made a strong effort to make a name for themselves this season, despite being a young program.

Freshman Rebecca Dixon ran a school record with a time of 20:05, claiming second place. Senior Dawn Shatzer (20:17) followed close behind in fourth place, running a personal best time. Junior Angela McGraw came in sixth with 20:35 and sophomore Shaw Trousdale was seventh with 20:38, making Milligan place four runners in the top ten. Sophomore Kristina Kayser ran a personal best as well with 22:14, claiming 17th place. Sophomore Kari Lefever also ran for the women with a time of 22:54.

"We had a great run by the freshman," Layne said.

The freshmen did well on the men's side as well. Freshman Phillip Rotich placed first with a time of 25:56. Junior Ryan Starr came in third with 26:44 and sophomore Shane Oakleaf ran a personal best with 27:27, placing fifth. Freshmen Trevor Donovan (28:04) placed 13th and Muraya Muraguri placed 23rd with 29:14, rounding out Milligan's points. Freshman Derek Webb (29:58) and sophomore Isaac Jensen (32:11) also ran for the Buffs.

Insights

How do Christians seek justice in an unjust world?

Chad Booth

News Editor

Tim Ross delivered a sermon entitled "The Cross of Triumph" for Milligan's chapel service on September 13th. A significant portion of his sermon dealt with the terrorist attack on the United States on Sept. 11, and in it Ross made many good points concerning the response of Christians to the attack. He suggested Christians should not "yearn for vengeance" nor should they "long to see the missiles fly."

Although these are both good points, forsaking vengeance does not mean that justice should not be pursued. Forgiveness does not negate punishment for wrongdoing.

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

All Christians should value peace and do everything in their power to preserve it. Yet, as Benedict de Spinoza said, "Peace is not an absence of war, it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition of benevolence, confidence [and] justice."

Ross was correct when he said, "In the next weeks and months, the kingdoms of this world are going to get all the support they need to unsheathe their swords and blow the dust off their canons. They don't need [Christians'] help

or support."

Whether or not the kingdoms of this world need the support of Christians is not the issue. In Romans 13:4, Paul wrote of the governing authorities, saying, "...he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. (NIV)" Why should Christians refuse to support the government when it is God who has granted it the authority to dispense justice?

Although there are many people eagerly awaiting the bombs to drop so they can have revenge on those who have wronged them, this is not the primary reason for seeking the attackers. Military action can be seen as an act of love for the preservation of the human race.

John 2:15 tells the story of Jesus riding the temple of moneychangers with a whip made from cords. Jesus did not do this for vengeance but for love of His Father. Certainly, He was disgusted with the way the temple was being abused, just as Americans are disgusted with the attack on the nation. Why then should Americans not rid the abomination of terrorism from the world for the love of their fellow man?

Virtually everyone agrees that police are a necessity to maintain order even though police must often use force to

subdue those who have committed crimes. Why then should the United States not act as a type of police force and maintain order in this situation? If the United States does nothing, what message does that send to the perpetrators of future strikes that kill innocent civilians? Christ once put himself between an angry mob and a prostitute. Are Christians not called to follow His example and protect those around them?

If a fox sneaks into a farmer's chicken coup and kills some of his chickens. The farmer will of course try to block the entry to prevent the fox from killing more chickens. If the same thing occurs again, it becomes clear to the farmer that simply trying to prevent an attack may not be enough. At what point does the farmer say enough is enough and go after the fox?

Perhaps American Christians have interpreted scripture differently than their predecessors because they have not been, as Ross said, "at the bottom of the pile" in many years. It is easy to adopt a policy of non-violence when there is no present evil great enough to give reason for violence. Marilyn vos Savant, a columnist for Parade magazine who is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records for her high IQ, was asked when war was necessary. She

contended that war was necessary when the alternative was morally worse than the act of war itself.

Regardless of one's faith, citizenship is not without cost. America is about more than waving a flag while waving the responsibilities that go along with it. America would not exist had its founders not been willing to go to war to earn and protect its freedoms. When Jesus laid His life down for man, there was a purpose. He was dying so that man might live. Surely, those who would fight against terrorists are exhibiting this quality of Christ since they too are laying their lives down so that others may live.

Blackboard raises classroom privacy issues

Misty Fry

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Senior Editor

Two weeks ago, when we wrote a story about the Milligan community's reaction on September 11th, we used a statement posted on the Christ and Culture bulletin board. In an effort to gain insights from a variety of people, we chose a quote that we thought typified the internal struggle many students were expressing. Because we are both in Christ and Culture, we didn't

realize that the bulletin board is only accessible to those students in Christ and Culture class, making it a sort-of online private conversation.

Journalists do not quote private conversations -- this we know.

The "Blackboard" software system is new this year. It provides a place for professors to post assignments, announcements and grades. In the case of Christ and Culture, only those people in the class can access the information for their course.

The software includes a "communication" component, where the professor

and students in the class can discuss issues on a bulletin board, like the Christ and Culture one where Phil Kenneson, the Christ and Culture professor, had posted the question, "What do you think is the biggest challenge facing Christians today in the United States and why?"

Tisha Bertoli wrote: "I think that as a Christian I am called to respond differently, but of course as a sinful human I immediately think of revenge as I see the images of television of people jumping to their deaths from burning buildings."

In trying to make the point that the terrorist bombings were being discussed on campus in many venues, we used Tisha Bertoli's response to Kenneson's question.

She understood that this was a private bulletin board and posted a comment that she thought would remain within the sight of only those in Christ and Culture, who would be reading her words in light of class discussion. Therefore, she was surprised and upset to find her words in the paper.

We apologize for our misunderstanding.

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Milligan announces public phase of \$30 million Capital Campaign

by **Christian McKay**
Managing Editor

President Donald Jeanes announced the public phase of Milligan's \$30 million capital campaign and unveiled the plans for the new campus center at Friday's luncheon with students, faculty, alumni and friends of the college.

"Today more than ever, we believe that Christian education is the hope of the world," Jeanes said. "At Milligan College we believe that great academic achievement and reputation can be united with Christian leadership. Those two combined will steer our college in the 21st century."

The campaign, called the "Milligan College Campaign for Christian

Leadership," began last April with the unveiling of Milligan's new logo, new vision statement, plans for the nearly complete Derthick Hall renovation and a comprehensive strategic funds initiative, which is to be completed over the next 10 to 15 years.

This campaign is the largest such campaign in the history of Milligan College.

"The strategic funding initiatives are built on the faith that we have that God will provide those resources that we need and that he has amazing things in store for us at Milligan College," Jeanes said.

The funds from the \$30 million campaign have already been used for the Derthick renovation and will be utilized to create a campus commons and for the building of the new Campus Center.

"This campaign will continue to be an exercise in faith and reliance on God," said Todd Norris, vice president for institutional advancement. "We also move forward with the largest gift in the history of Milligan College... this gift has already allowed us to move forward with the renovation of Derthick Hall and to move forward with plans for our central campus commons and a new Campus Center."

The administration also unveiled plans for the Campus Center. Planners hope to break ground within the next two years for the building, which will include a welcome center, a theater and

facilities for campus life activities. The Center will be located at the current site of Milligan's tennis courts, which will be moved to a location near the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse.

Before the announcement of the public phase of the Campaign for Christian Leadership, Milligan was able to raise \$15 million in the lead gifts phase of the project. These gifts include the largest single gift in Milligan's history, a \$4.5 million Leadership Challenge Grant, from an anonymous donor.

"It's a \$4.5 million challenge grant, which has been extended to encourage each of us to rise to new levels of support for the college," said Norris.

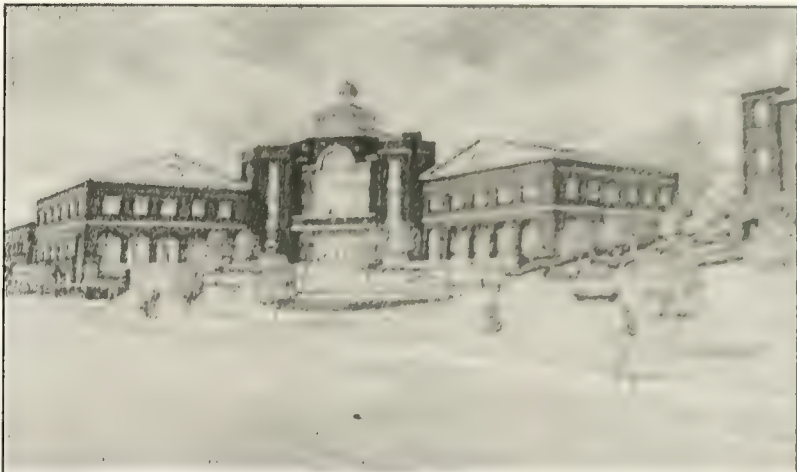
The leadership team for this project consists of church leaders, community leaders, alumni and friends of the col-

lege. The campaign centers around five objectives: transformation, participation, partnership, foundation and vision.

These objectives are centered on participation from alumni, churches, businesses, and friends of the college, as well as a vision for "changing lives and shaping culture."

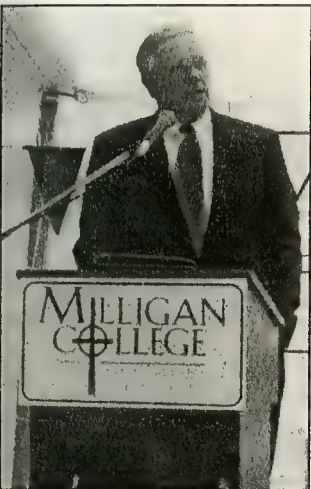
Jeanes asked for full support from the Milligan community, not just financially, but also in prayer.

"There is a way that all of you can participate in this campaign," Jeanes said. "We depend on people who can give financial resources, but one way you all can participate is through prayer. Many people have already joined with us in under girding this project with prayer. We know that God answers prayer and that your prayers will make a difference."



Milligan unveils the plans for the next stage of the Capital Campaign which will include the above student center. Work is expected to begin within the next two years on the structure which will occupy the space currently reserved for the tennis courts.

-Photo by Andrew Hopper



President Jeanes speaks to faculty, students and alumni concerning the Milligan College Campaign for Christian Leadership.

-Photo by Andrew Hopper

Ground Zero photography exhibit features patriotic theme

by **Paige Wassel**
Reporter

Some students are using patriotic art to responding to the events of Sept. 11, as evidenced by last weekend's opening of a new display in Ground Zero, the art gallery in the basement of the Derthick building.

"I think it's important for people to express their feelings about everything going on right now, and the visual arts are a good way to do that," senior pho-

tography student Hannah Carson said.

This first show of the semester, entitled "Mid-Semester Selections," highlights student and faculty work with contributions by all first semester art and photography students. The works will be on exhibit until Nov. 9.

Photography professor Alice Anthony said the patriotic emphasis displays students' response to recent national events.

"It is a good way for students to express their feelings," Anthony said.

Although not all pieces exhibited a patriotic theme, Anthony thought this "sub-theme" would be evident to those viewing the show.

In addition to photos and art works portraying American flags, some students' work is presented who responded to the terrorism attacks through poetry.

Kristin Colson, 2001 graduate and artist-in-residence, hung the exhibit and said she supports the patriotic theme.

"I think it's good because art is about culture and history, and it's reflec-

tive of history," Colson said. "It's a good way of expressing emotions."

Some of Anthony's own photos were a part of the display as well. She said that, although this show was intended to be an exhibition of student works, she was asked to display some of her photographs by Director of Alumni Relations Theresa Garbe.

These photographs included night shots taken from the top of the World Trade Center by Anthony during a fine

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News

Mee presents ideas to attract prospective students

by Susan Henderson
Reporter

David Mee, vice president for enrollment management, presented his strategies for attracting more students to Milligan at the Enrollment Management Committee Meeting last weekend.

Enrollment numbers dropped by two percent this year as compared to last year, leaving the student body population at 899. Out of the 849 students who applied to Milligan, 242 enrolled for the school year.

"My goal is to have students thrive, and not just survive," said Mee.

The admissions office waived the enrollment fee through the first of November, in order for students to get applications completed faster, giving time for admissions counselors to get to know the applicants.

"This decision will help to increase

numbers and encourage students to apply earlier, giving us time to build a relationship with them," said Mee.

Many changes have also occurred in the application process. Milligan admissions staff now prefer electronic application. A user ID and password allow students to work on the application in parts. Students can pay the application fee of \$30 by credit card.

Admissions staff has talked about eliminating the application fee but many feel that without the fee, there would be a huge flood in the number of non-serious applicants.

Meanwhile, the application has undergone additions. The application requires a work phone number for parents so that admissions staff can communicate with the applicant's parents. A place on the school reference form for the percent of students from high school who plan to attend college has also been added to this year's

application along with the applicant's younger siblings' names and their year of high school graduation. The younger siblings will automatically be updated in the Milligan database.

The recruitment cost is expected to decline as an increase use the application of the Internet is used. Postage costs will drastically decrease as prospective students admissions staff communicate more electronically.

Mee and his staff put together a new set of admissions brochures and information packets with fewer, sharper pieces of up-to-date information.

Milligan admissions staff has also added additional new student orientations for students in their senior year of high school. The orientations will be held in April and June, giving the student a time to stay on campus for a weekend, eating in the cafeteria and talking to professors. A planning committee is working on the program,

which will be strongly encouraged for all accepted students to attend. Mee hopes the new program will increase the number of accepted applicants who later enroll. The admissions staff's wants to foster relationships with applicants to keep them interested, hopefully spreading the word to their friends, thus increasing the number of applicants.

"We do this so students may feel much more connected early on and not down on the people changing their mind," said Mee.

An open house in the month of October brought nearly 60 students to Milligan and an expected number of 75 students are predicted at the November open house.

There is a great challenge to get kids to come for a campus visit.

"If you are going to spend four years and all that money," Mee said, "it is wise to spend at least 24 hours on campus as an inquiry of the college."

Preview of audit reveals projected \$400,000 budget shortfall

by Amy Vincent
Reporter

Milligan's projected budget fell short by \$400,000 this year, according to a review of the fiscal audit by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees Oct. 26.

The 2001-2002 revenue budget was reported as \$16,295,020, and the projected revenue is expected to fall short of this by approximately \$400,000. This short falling is due to the lack of enrollment; predicted enrollment was 935 students, and actual enrollment totals 899.

The fiscal report also made reference to a recent decrease in total indebtedness of \$254,851 since Oct. 20, 2000, which brings the total remaining debt as of Sept. 30, 2001 to \$2,923,027.

While liabilities have increased slightly in the past period due mainly to renovations of Derthick, total increase in net assets has increased tremendously from \$12,886,145 to \$19,551,797. This increase of \$6,665,652 is a huge jump compared to increases in the past.

"I've never seen anything like that," said Tom Greer, partner with Blackburn, Childers & Steagall, PLC, who presented the audit report. "That is really amazing," he stated.

The meeting also mentioned donations to the school in the past year that have also greatly helped increase net assets. Gifts in excess of \$2,000,000 have been received for renovations of Derthick and the commons area.

In addition, the meeting addressed the fact that Milligan College will perform an internal audit sometime in the next six months to meet accreditation the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, SACS said Joe Whitaker, Milligan's vice president for business and finance.

"I feel this will strengthen our systems throughout," Whitaker said. "(The audit) will impact and help how we do things."

The internal audit will be performed by Blackburn, Childers & Steagall, PLC, the same firm that has performed Milligan's financial audits since 1995 and take an in-depth look at the business

office check to see if procedures and policies are being properly abided by. Its purpose is also to make sure check requests are properly approved and made for legitimate items, as well as looking into things like travel expenditures declared, including hotel stays, meal funding and general expenses.

The audit, which will take place at an unknown time in the next six months, will be performed on a random basis.

The results will be presented to the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees at the board meeting next October.

Milligan would more than likely not perform an internal audit if SACS did not require it.

"It is not particularly necessary at this

point," said Chris Rolph, Milligan's budget director/controller. "Although, it will certainly benefit us."

SACS, an organization responsible for re-accreditation, sets guidelines and rules which schools must comply with to become an accredited school. Although Milligan is already accredited, the school's SACS committee is currently preparing for reaffirmation of the standing.

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Baseball team plays in first annual intra-squad World Series

by Shannon Smith
Reporter

While baseball fans intently watched the World Series last weekend, Milligan's baseball team decided to play its first ever "World Series" for practice held Oct. 17-21.

"I wanted to let the guys have a little fun before we start conditioning and getting ready for the season," Coach

Clark said.

Seniors David Hilton and Mike Combs served as the captains and chose teams. They took turns by choosing different teammates.

"It reminded me of a draft," Combs said. "You had to put away personal feelings and pick the person that would benefit your team the most."

Clark held the series because he wanted to try something fun, but also it

gave him time to look at all the players on the team, he said.

"With close to 40 players on the team some of them don't get as much attention as they need," Clark said. "This series allows me to see each man and how he plays."

The two teams were named orange and black. Comb's orange team won.

Senior Josh Ramsey said, "I liked the series because we were able to split

up. It's fun to be competitive with each other."

The winning team is going to be served dinner by the player of their choice from the other team.

"It will be a fun night," Gould said. "Everyone will have a good time, even the servers. We all get along so it's just going to be funny."

Clark hopes to make this a tradition every year.

Men's soccer subdue LMU

by Autumn Hamby
Reporter

When the Milligan men's soccer team defeated Lincoln Memorial University with the score of 7-2 last week, the team moved a step closer to the National Tournament and senior Dalan Telles pulled closer to setting a new Milligan record.

The Buffs are now ranked third in the region said Marty Shirley, the men's head soccer coach. If the team wins all the remaining five games in the season, the men will go on to the National Tournament. If they go for Nationals, it will be the first time in Milligan's history.

Telles scored the first goal of the game and later scored two more goals and gave an assist, leaving him only six points away from tying Milligan's Career Scoring Record, which is currently held by Shirley.

"It's just going to be one more record, but I'll be happy because I've been playing for the coach who has the record," said Telles. "If I beat his record, he is one who has helped me."

Telles made his fourth hat trick in the game against LMU, an "unbelievable" feat, Shirley said.

Telles, scoring 25 goals this season, has already topped the past record of 21

goals in a season held by graduate Tim Reed.

Senior Ramirez Uliana, a striker, scored two goals against LMU.

With his second goal in the game, Uliana scored the 600th goal in Milligan's history.

However, Shirley said that LMU played tough at times.

"For the most part, they played with a lot of heart for their coach," Shirley said. "But they were no match for our speed."

In the first 20 minutes of the game, the Buffs scored their first four goals. This placed them comfortably in the lead for the duration.

"The first four goals gave us an advantage and a tranquility to play the rest of the game," Uliana said. "We dominated the game. After 25 minutes, the game became a little boring, to be honest."

Telles and Uliana scored Milligan's five goals in the first half. Sophomore Daniel Gacheru scored the sixth goal. Freshman Greg Hochstetter scored the final goal. LMU was unable to score in the second half.

Uliana said that he feels confident about the team's chances to go to the National Tournament.

"The teams that we play against," he said, "are definitely very beatable."

Milligan hosts 'The Rock and the Rabbi'



"The Rock and the Rabbi" composer Danny Hamilton (left) and members of the band rehearse for the show held Oct. 27 in Seeger Chapel

-Photo by Andrew Hopper

by Nathaniel Poling
Features Editor

Gary Richardson, 1978 Milligan alumnus, had a real homecoming last weekend when his show "The Rock and the Rabbi" played in Seeger Chapel for one performance on Oct. 27.

Richardson wrote, produced and narrated this narrative account of the story of Peter and Jesus with original music and lyrics by Danny Hamilton. The show features a variety of musical instruments and styles, including guitars, African drums and bagpipes. The show has played to audiences nation

wide including such venues as Hard Rock Live in Orlando, Fla., and the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.

"I was very pleased with the turnout and the crowd's response to the musical," said Theresa Garbe, director of alumni relations. "We wanted to add excitement to homecoming. It was also a way to make the community more aware of Milligan."

At this weekend's performance Milligan's president Donald Jeanes presented Richardson with the Professional Excellence Award, which is awarded to alumni who exhibit outstanding professional and personal excellence.

Ground Zero photography exhibit cont.

arts field trip to New York last spring.

Garbe said she thought Anthony's photos added depth to the patriotic theme.

"They're pictures that will never be able to be reproduced," Garbe said.

Garbe included this exhibit as a

campus event during the recent Alumni Weekend.

The next art show, entitled "Odds and Ends," will be a sample of work by Anthony and Assistant Professor of Art Nick Blosser. It will be held in late November.

Founder's Award winners announced

by Jennifer Soucie
Web Administrator

Previously called the Founder's Daughter award, the redesigned Founder's Award was presented in chapel last week.

Following a short speech in convocation by two nominees—one male, one female—from each of the sophomore,

junior and senior classes, students voted for one male and one female.

Seniors Andrew Parker and Bethany Haynes were the recipients of the award based on their commitment to Christian leadership at Milligan. Other nominees included sophomores Aaron Scott and Kari LeFever and juniors Ryan Starr and Rachel Hatfield.

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Features

Photo Essay: Homecoming Parade

by Andrew Hopper



Left Now we know where they spend their weekends! Sutton girls (and Corey Paulson) show they love for Wal-Mart by dedicating their float to the store. The group shouted "Sutton girls love Wal-Mart" and passed out Wal-Mart merchandise to the crowd.

Below Katie Lloyd and Kristina McNeely are definitely "social butterflies." The Social Affairs crew dressed up their float in butterfly wings and antennas just for the parade.



Lindsay Patterson shows her patriotism by waving an American flag atop the SGA fire truck during the parade.



Above: Coach Duard Walker and his wife Carolyn drive down the parade route in a classic convertible. Walker was honored this year as the 2001 Athletic Director of the Year.

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SGA undergoes budget cuts, Fox points to lower enrollment

by **Misty Fry**
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and **Regina Holtman**
Senior Editor

The budget supervised directly by the SGA has been cut by almost one-fifth from last year, going from \$29,750 to \$24,500, with Concert Council, Social Affairs and the SGA general fund taking the hardest hits.

The cut is part of an overall reduction of the student development budget from \$72,600 to \$68,000, an almost 6 percent decrease. The budget is entirely derived from student activity fees.

The cuts are a repercussion of lower than anticipated enrollment this year, said Mark Fox, vice president of student development.

According to reports from the registrar's office, undergraduate enrollment is down one person from last year, from 717 to 716. Each full-time undergraduate pays \$50 per semester in student fees; part-time undergraduates pay \$25 per semester. Graduate students do not pay these fees.

The proportion of student fees that SGA has control over has shrunk as well. Last year, the SGA-controlled budget represented 41 percent of the entire fees-funded budget. This year,

SGA controls 36 percent.

The SGA controls funding of such organizations as Concert Council, Social Affairs, Spiritual Life and the Volunteer Action Center (LINC). The remainder of student fees goes toward paying for residence hall life activities and student publications, including the Stampede newspaper, Buffalo yearbook and Phoenix literary magazine.

The Stampede printing budget was cut 10 percent, from the \$2,500 to \$2,250. The yearbook budget remained unchanged, as did other items under contract. At press time, Phoenix editors were negotiating with the Student Development office for their budget.

Though Hooker admits that SGA has had the extra expenditure of \$1,500 this year for executive council salaries, he said he has been concerned since he took office last year about the decreasing control the SGA has over the entire student fee budget.

"If there aren't dramatic changes in the student activity fee, over time Milligan will see a dramatic decline in social affairs, SGA, spiritual life and other areas of student life on campus," Hooker said.

Hooker said he intended to raise his concerns about the limited SGA budget to the board of trustees last month, but decided not to after consulting with

Fox.

"If I had to do it over again, I'd bring it up," Hooker said.

George Keralis, SGA president in the 1999-2000 school year, said he had the same complaint that Hooker now has—that SGA depends on the student fees to have a healthy student life program and yet loses control over more and more of that money each year. During his presidency, Keralis discussed with Fox the possibility of increasing student fees. No changes were made.

"If you look at any other college or universities, Milligan fees are extremely low," Keralis said, adding that his student activity fees at the University of Tennessee master's program totaled in the hundreds of dollars.

Last January, Hooker approached President Don Jeanes about increasing the student activity fee but was told that it was too late to change the budget for the 2001-2002 school year.

Fox and Director of Student Life Julie Ray said they support an increase in student fees for next year and Ray said an increase is a "good possibility." However Fox and Ray declined to speculate on specific numbers because the administration is still discussing next year's tuition and fee schedule.

Meanwhile, student life programs are feeling the effects of the cuts, some by

the thousands of dollars. The general fund lost \$2,400, leaving less money for SGA to distribute to students who want to start new clubs or do special projects. Social Affairs lost \$1,750 of its budget. The club now has a budget of \$7,250—down from the \$9,000 they have had for the last two years.

"Anytime you're losing money, it is unfortunate, especially with wonderful Wednesday, but we'll make it through any tough situation," said Social Affairs President Bethany Haynes. "We might have to do fundraising."

In addition, Concert Council lost half of its budget, bringing them down to \$1,000 for the year.

"There's not a whole lot we can do with the amount of money we had in the first place and now we're in a situation that's even worse," said Tyler Dodd, president of Concert Council.

Hooker said that his next step will be to conduct a student survey during the Town Meeting on December 4 in convocation, asking the students what they think are the most important activities on campus. He also will ask students how they think their activity fees should be best put to use.

"I continue to remain positive," Hooker said, "that we can make a difference in [SGA] and can make the student life on this campus thrive."

Allen selected to carry Olympic flame for 2002 winter games

by **Christan McKay**
Managing Editor

This winter Milligan's own Bert Allen, assistant professor of psychology, will join 11,500 other men and women from across America in carrying the Olympic flame to its destination in Salt Lake City, Utah for the start of the 2002 winter games.

"When I opened the package I was stunned to read that I been selected as one of the torchbearers," said Allen. "I always have pictured those folks as someone high and mighty, someone who has done something extraordinary or special. I certainly don't fit that description."

Ann Easter, administrative assistant to the vice president of student development, nominated Allen to carry the torch. Chevrolet sponsored the contest to choose torchbearers. Easter said that

she received e-mail about nominating someone to carry the torch. She wrote a short paragraph about Allen and sent the e-mail back.

"I feel Bert is a good person, honest, kind," Easter said. "After his first tour in Vietnam, he signed up for a second tour. He received the Purple Heart. He has the most positive attitude of anyone I know, and he is kind to all. He is respected and well liked by peers and students alike. He has good judgment and is an all around great guy with a great personality."

Allen said he is both excited and nervous about the experience.

"I always get a bit of performance anxiety before I do something out of the routine where people will see me," Allen said. "I wonder if I'll make a mistake, drop the torch, trip, those sorts of things."

The torch will be lit in Greece and

then travel to the United States via Delta Airlines. The actual torch relay begins Dec. 4 in Atlanta, Ga. and will travel over 13,500 miles across the country, through 125 cities in 46 states. It will arrive in Salt Lake City Feb. 8, 2002 for the start of the games, according to the official torch relay website.

The flame will travel by car, airplane, train, ship, dog sled, skier, horse-drawn sleigh, snowmobile, ice skater, prairie schooner and other unique modes of transportation, as well as human torchbearers.

Allen and the other torchbearers will carry the flame .2 mile each along the route. The first torchbearer will be world-class cyclist Lance Armstrong.

Allen said he is appreciative of Easter's nomination and thinks that Easter also has an important ministry on campus.

"She (Easter) conducts the same



Dr. Allen and 11,500 other torchbearers will carry the Olympic flame .2 mile.
-Photo courtesy of Life Touch

sort of ministry to others that I do, helps people, counsels people, supports people, probably in her position as much or more than others of us who see fewer people in distress," Allen said. "I thank her for the very nice compliment."

Features

Theater program explores options in light of recent changes

by Paige Wassel
Reporter

The Milligan theatre department is taking seriously the saying, "the show must go on."

Despite the lack of a theatre building and the possibility of Professor of Theatre Richard Major taking a sabbatical in two years, Major says the theatre program will continue.

"Theater will still occur on this campus," Major said.

When the theater facility was converted into classroom space in the Derthick Hall renovation, the theater program became innovative with their performance setting, putting on their fall play, "An Actor's Nightmare," in SUB 7.

Major said that in the absence of a theater facility, he wants to have a dinner theater in McCormick Dining Hall for the spring production. The annual one-act festival will probably be held in SUB 7. Major said it will be decided in the spring if Milligan will collaborate with ETSU on a play next fall.

"We're keeping lots of options open," Major said.

If approved by President Jeanes, Major said his proposed sabbatical would take place from spring 2003 to spring 2004. During this time, Major said collaborating with ETSU or other local community groups who work on theater might be an option for students that participate in the fall and spring productions.

Major said the theater classes that he teaches would either not be taught that year, or an adjunct might be hired to teach a few classes. If theater classes

are not offered while Major is on sabbatical, Major said the fine arts core requirements that theater majors must fulfill to receive a degree could be taken during this time. Major also said that more theater classes might be offered in the 2002 class schedule to accommodate students.

"I just don't anticipate there being a problem with people getting what they need," Major said.

Major said he has many plans for his sabbatical, including possibly working as a member of the resident acting company at Barter Theater. He has also

"I just don't anticipate there being a problem with people getting what they need."

- Richard Major

applied for an intensive one-month workshop in Jan. 2003 with the Shakespeare and Company group in Lennox, Mass.

Major said he wants to start work on an acting theory book while on sabbatical, which would synthesize different acting texts he has studied and add a Christian perspective.

Academic Dean Mark Matson said that Major has not had a sabbatical in 17 years, and he thought that the proposed sabbatical would come at a good time with construction on the new campus center tentatively beginning in 2003. Matson said he hoped that much of the

construction of the new theater in this center could be done by the time Major returns "reinvigorated."

"In some ways, we're setting the stage for a better theater program," Matson said.

This campus center facility is a part of the \$30 million capital campaign publicly announced at the Alumni Luncheon on Oct. 25. This building, which would be built on top of where the tennis courts are now, will hold a new theater and welcome center, a new student center, the bookstore, the Grill, the president's office and admissions according to Vice President for Institutional Advancement Todd Norris.

Regardless of whether the college has the total funds in hand, Norris said construction would begin on the new complex in a couple of years. Construction has not begun yet because Norris said the college hopes to use those years to do some extra fundraising for the building.

Norris said the estimated cost of the entire complex is \$10-12 million. \$4.5 million of the \$6 million required to build the central theater center has already been raised. While plans are to raise the entire complex at once, Norris said the design of the building is

such that it can be built "in phases" if needed. Norris said the new theater and welcome center is a three-story complex, and the theater has approximately 300-350 seats, larger wings, and practice rooms.

"The growing pains that we're experiencing now will result in a program with more opportunities than we've ever had before," Norris said.

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Cross Country speeds ahead to nationals

by Misty Fry
Editor-in-Chief

Four runners on Milligan's cross country team are traveling to Kenosha, Wis. today to compete in the NAIA National Competition.

Freshman Phillip Rotich and junior Ryan Starr will represent the men's team. Senior Dawn Shatzer and freshman Rebecca Dixon will run for the women, all advancing from the NAIA Region XII AAC championship held at Daniel Boone High School on Nov. 4.

"I'm very excited," said Head Coach Chris Layne. "Our program has taken another step forward, we have moved from sending two [athletes] to four. I

think our four athletes can really do well and be in the top 40. That is huge."

Rotich claimed an impressive first place finish, beating last year's champion Alexis Sharangbo of Brevard by a mere three seconds. Rotich ran a course record of 25:34. Starr placed fourth in the race, making this his third trip to the national meet, where both are expected to have an impressive finish.

"Phillip has a legitimate shot of a top five spot or better if it all lines up on the day," said Layne.

For the women, Shatzer came in second, running a time of 19:33, which was not only a personal best, but was a record time for Milligan. Dixon followed close behind in third, with a time of 19:48.

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Sports

Women's soccer advances to national tourney in St. Louis

by Jason Hotchkin
Contributing Writer

It's 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 13. A bus has been loaded, and inside are bags full of soccer gear and 22 girls. 11:45 a.m. rolls around, the bus leaves the gravel parking lot and heads for St. Louis, site of the 2001 NAIA Women's National Championships.

Led by Coach John Garvilla, the Milligan College women's soccer team has found its strength in unity. Finishing the year ranked 12th in the nation with 18 wins, 2 losses and 3 ties is an incredible task for any team, and they hope to improve on that record this weekend in St. Louis.

The Lady Buffs found themselves playing at home in the regional tournament Nov. 9.

Their first opponent, Covenant handed Milligan its second loss of the season earlier in the year, but with a goal from

Salem Wood and another added by Deniece Kitchin, the Lady Buffs moved up 2-0 and kept it that way until the end.

Milligan then played their cross-town rival King College Nov. 10 in the regional championship. This was the third meeting between the two teams.

Milligan got on the scoreboard in the 36th minute thanks to Danika Gumbs who broke free of her defender and found the back of the net.

Janece Feliciano earned herself a red card after retaliating to a foul committed by a player from King. Milligan played the rest of the match a man down, and went on to beat King 1-0.

"We played well, and came through playing a man down," said defender Amanda White. "Everybody on the team really wanted it. Beating a team three times in on season is tough to do, King is a big rival. But we wanted it bad enough and we are a good enough team."



Members of the women's soccer team pose for a picture with their championship plaque after winning the NAIA Region XII tournament by defeating King College

Photo by Jason Hotchkin

Milligan will enter the national tournament seeded No. 11. They will play the No. 6 seed Okalahoma City Nov. 16 with hopes of advancing.

"It's going to be a tough schedule,"

said assistant coach Derek Sharpe. "The girls have their work cut out for them, but I know they have the heart and desire to compete with any team they face."

Women's Volleyball places 2nd in AAC Region XII tournament

by Nathan Moulder
Reporter

The Milligan women's volleyball team placed 2nd in the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament held at King College last weekend, allowing Milligan to return to King next weekend to play in the Region XII tournament.

In the AAC tournament, Milligan won two matches against Montreat and lost two matches against King.

Nov., Milligan faced Montreat, losing the first game and then winning three to win the match.

"We showed up for the game physically, but we were not there mentally," said senior Heather Eckman. "By the third game we picked the play up and were able to finish the match strong."

In their first match Saturday morning, Nov. 10, the Milligan women faced their long time rival, King College.

"In the four years that I have been here at Milligan playing volleyball, we have only beaten King once," said senior Megan Hackler. "It was not even a match, it was only one game."

The women lost both matches that they played against King on Saturday.

The Milligan women were able to redeem themselves Saturday by beating

Montreat in the losers' bracket, which allowed them to advance to the tournament finals and face King again.

"Montreat was at their strongest when we played them Friday," Eckman said. "Saturday, they didn't play as well."

King won the tournament, so the regional matches will be held on their home court.

The women look forward to a rematch with King at the regionals.

The focus of the team now is to

meet King again and win in the Region XII tournament this weekend.

"We are ready for King this Saturday," said junior Melanie Reed. "I think that we have them scared and that they know that we are a threat."

Despite the confidence, King is going to be a very strong opponent that will not yield easily.

"This year we are a really strong team, but I don't think that we are mentally ready to face King," said Renee Posey.

"In the four years that I have been here at Milligan playing volleyball, we have only beaten King once."

-Megan Hackler

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Insights

Single life: flying solo despite the migration toward marriage

by **Misty Fry**
Editor-in-Chief

and **Regina Holtman**
Senior Editor

One carat or two? June or July? "Here Comes the Bride" or "Canon in D"? The beach or the mountains? One kid or two?

One in four seniors who walk across the stage on graduation day in May will have already considered these questions, because one in four seniors are either already married or currently engaged.

Singletons are greeted weekly with e-mail reminders of the topic of the next "Couples Bible Study" and plagued daily with talk of how and when he popped the question. It seems on every corner couples are embracing, and it's not just with in the confines of Hart Hall lobby.

Let's face it, the Milligan marriage epidemic continues to spread as the rest of us are left dateless to fall formal and home on the weekends, listening to radio love requests on Delilah.

But maybe the picture isn't so

bleak. Let's get some perspective, three out of four seniors will be footloose and fancy free after graduation.

Despite the epidemic of engagements on campus, some students aren't sitting at home crying in their pillows because they haven't found their soulmates in Milligan's selection of 900 students.

Senior Erin Hogshead shuns the idea of marrying and procreating at the age of 21.

"I think it's kind of funny that our senior year is a mad dash to the wedding chapel," Hogshead said. "I wonder if it's out of insecurity or what? It doesn't make me want to date or get engaged because I'm secure enough to go out into the world without a significant other."

Marriage and singleness seem to be the topics of conversation everywhere you turn. Last week's convo was no exception when the "Milligan community" was split into categories of seriously committed, seriously seeking or seriously single. The faint glimmer of hope for struggling singles came from Julie Ray's session on why you don't need a spouse to complete your life.

The crowd in Hyder Auditorium was riled up when Ray asked what the popular conceptions are of singleness.

"Being single means you're ugly and worthless," one student said.

"People struggle with questions of 'what's wrong with me?'" Ray told the crowd, who responded with nods of agreement.

She offered words of encouragement and challenge to the single population at Milligan. The point of life, after all, is not just to get married, she said. The point is to love God and love people, whether you are married or not.

"We are called as disciples of Christ to love our neighbors; we are called to be selfless people," Ray said. "To be married means you are choosing to focus your love on one person... the problem with singleness is that we're not loving each other, we're bemoaning the fact that we don't have anyone."

Few students deny that they enter college hoping and expecting to find a soul mate before graduation, but people like seniors Kris Reed and Travis Mitchum and junior Jeff Harbin aren't letting their single state get in the way of their present happiness.

"I'm busy doing things with my life and dating just doesn't happen to be one of them," Reed said.

"It's just not my time, personally," said Mitchum. "I'm just fine hanging out, having fun and being myself."

And what about us? Well, Gina plans to become the "press secretary" for Gary Condit, while Misty is currently serving up buffalo wings at Hooters on Friday nights.

Okay, so we're not doing anything that desperate... yet.

The truth is, we started this column to talk about how sick we were of "couple talk" all around campus, and ended up realizing that all the talk doesn't really matter. We might get married, we might not, but whatever God decides to dish out, we will take it and be happy with the blessings he has given us.

Right now, our blessing is singleness.

"Singleness and marriage are both gifts," Ray said. "They are ways of letting us love other people. If you are single, you have a gift. What you do with that gift is your choice. But you can bet that it's a good gift because God loves you."

Clarification: Milligan increases assets

Editor's note: A story addressing a projected \$400,000 budget shortfall ran two weeks ago in the Stampede. The following is a clarification of that information.

While liabilities have increased slightly in the past period due mainly to renovations of Derthick, Milligan's net assets have increased 52 percent, rising from \$12,886,145 to \$19,551,797.

This increase of \$6,665,652 is a huge jump compared to increases in the past. The figures come from a report on Milligan's audit from the 2000-2001 school year, during a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees in October.

"At our recent board meeting, the auditors presented a glowing audit report to the trustees," said Chris Rolph, Milligan's budget director/controller. "It is probably the best report that I have ever seen."

Donations to the school in the past year have also greatly helped increase net assets. Gifts in excess of \$2,000,000 have been received for renovations of Derthick and the commons area.

Another \$3,200,000 was received for a new proposed student center.

The fiscal report also made reference to a recent decrease in total indebtedness of \$254,851 since Oct. 20, 2000, which brings the total remaining debt as of Sept. 30, 2001 to \$2,923,027.

The committee discussed the current operating budget. Milligan's 2001-2002 revenue budget was \$16,295,020. Rolph said that while the college is projecting a \$400,000 revenue shortfall, the college has been able to reduce expenses by \$300,000, and is continuing to look for ways to decrease this deficit.

"We are currently projecting \$100,000 deficit, but the cabinet continues to look for ways to increase revenue and reduce expenses," said Rolph. "We are hopeful that we will find a way to balance the budget by the end of the fiscal year... In my opinion it is premature to assume that we will end the fiscal year with a deficit."

The reason for the original projected deficit is the smaller than expected enrollment for fall. The projected enrollment was 935 students compared to 899 actually enrolled.

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Tuesday's town meetings provide forum for student feedback

by Misty Fry
Editor-in-Chief

Though Milligan was divided by classes for Tuesday's town meeting, students and faculty raised the same concerns.

In an effort to tap into the student voice and find out how money should be spent, Dean of Students Mark Fox and Director of Student Life Julie Ray brought back the Town Meeting for convo on Tuesday, with the student activity fee being the main focus.

"We were trying to get input from students on what they value," Fox said. "The student activity fee is a significant amount of money, with many items of importance. There are many areas that we haven't looked at in depth. It will help with strategic planning for later and setting priorities."

Many of the questions raised by each class concerned the role of the SGA, what the activity fee is used for and what activities should get more money.

For the most part, the students did not see anything wrong with SGA's actions, but they did feel disconnected from the

organization and the issues the council is working on.

"Students felt disconnected from the SGA," said David Roberts, professor of Bible, who worked with the junior class. "They don't feel accountability. There are no problems, but students weren't sure about what they were doing."

Many also have no idea as to how their money for the student fee is being used, and they want to know where their money is going.

"Students with whom I listened had little idea for what the student activity fee is used," said Bert Allen, professor of psychology who worked with the senior class. "Some were doing some figuring, and they thought that with about 700 students paying \$100, that should be about \$77,000 in money, while things like Social Affairs gets \$7,500. It would be nice to permit the students to know where all the money is going."

Phil Kenneson, associate professor of theology and philosophy, spoke with seniors about the budget and the group came to the conclusion that many stu-

dents would be willing to pay more than the increase of \$10, especially if they

"We were trying to get input from students on what they value."

- Mark Fox

knew where the funds were going.

Concerts were also a subject of controversy. Many of the students want bigger names to come to campus, while lowering the admittance fee at the same time. With a meager budget of \$1,000, many think that this is an area that should be given more money.

Other activities with slim attendance should be re-evaluated, students said. Instead of spending some of the Social Affairs budget on large, expensive functions, students want more events to bring the campus together without spending a lot of money.

"Students would also like a broader

range of on-campus activities, such as movies, that have a good turnout, or things like bowling and golf tournaments. Something other than 'music, guitars, and coffee,'" said Allen.

The topic of student publications were also discussed. Many think the yearbook should be only for those students that want it, in an effort to reduce the amount of money wasted on unclaimed books.

"Instead of making everyone pay, we should just let the ones that want it pay," said senior Jeremy Christian.

Students think that The Stampede needs to print more human interest stories and that the paper should be continue to print bi-weekly. As for The Phoenix, many don't know what the publication even is. Those who do, however, think they should print every semester.

Overall, the general consensus was that the Town Meeting is a great idea and that it is a good way to make ideas known.

"I don't know of a better way to be heard as a student," said sophomore Brad Parker. "I think it is splendid that we can use a chapel/convo punch to tell others what we think."

Hart and Sutton resident directors resign positions

by Jennifer Soucie
Web Administrator

Hart and Sutton will have yet another set of resident directors next school year, as Betsy Magness and Ronda Paulson resigned their positions.

Magness will leave at the end of February 2000, while Paulson will remain RD of Sutton until May. Magness and her husband, Ethan, are



(Left to Right): Ronda Paulson with husband Corey Paulson plan to leave Sutton in May.

- Photo by Erin Hogshead

buying a home in Johnson City and expecting a baby in June.

Magness began her position as Hart's RD in August 2000.

"I don't think I could do this through my whole pregnancy and certainly after," she said. "It's best for Hart Hall if there is somebody else."

Mark Fox, vice president for student development, said Danielle and Teddy Booth will become the RDs of Hart beginning Feb. 1. Fox said the Booths both have master's degrees in social work.

It is important for a RD to "understand interactions and human development," Fox said.

Danielle is a former resident assistant and has experience working with dorm councils. She is currently working for Emmanuel School of Religion, where Teddy is a student, Fox said.

The Paulsons are also buying a home and will leave Sutton in May



Hart Hall Resident Directors Betsy and Ethan Magness.

-Photo contributed by Betsy Magness

when the spring semester ends. Fox said he will begin looking for a replacement after Feb. 1. Paulson declined to comment.

Fox said the primary responsibility of a RD is the "management of dorm from the operations perspective." RDs are responsible for the training and selection of resident assistants and organizing programs in the dorm.

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News

Enrollment figures indicate shifting trend in church affiliation

by **Christan McKay**
Managing Editor

In the last decade, Milligan has experienced a decrease in the enrollment of students from Christian Church and Churches of Christ backgrounds, which is the church affiliation of the college.

According to enrollment reports from the Registrar's Office, in 1991, the number of students affiliated with the Christian Church/Churches of Christ comprised 75 percent of the student population, or 473 out of 631 undergraduates. In 2000, that percentage dropped to 55.8 of the total number of undergraduates, or 400 out of 717.

This year, the percentage of students from Christian Churches displayed a slight increase, with 56.3 percent or 403 out of 716 enrolled. However, on the whole, the numbers of students coming from sponsor churches have displayed a steady decline over the last 10 years.

The reasons for the decline could reflect the increase of local students attending Milligan, a change in the college decision-making process for prospective students and an increased respect for Milligan's academics, Vice President for Enrollment Management David Mee said.

As the number of students affiliated with the Christian Church has declined, the number of local students has increased. In 1991, the number of students from Tennessee was 311. This year, the number reached 412. The number of students from Virginia was 53 in 1991; this year there are 65 students from Virginia. The number of students from Kentucky has remained fairly constant, with 36 in 1991 and 38 in 2001.

At the same time, the number of students from the Midwest has dropped. The number of students from Indiana decreased from 101 in 1991 to 74 in 2001. The number of students from Ohio has also gone down from 72 to 64.

In terms of church monetary support, out of Milligan's top 21 supporting churches, six are in Indiana, four are in Kentucky, four in are Florida, two are in Tennessee, one is in Ohio, one in Virginia and one is in Georgia.

As the number of local students

recent world events and safety concerns.

"It's not just Milligan, I think there is an increased likelihood for students nationally not to travel as far away from home as they used to," Mee said. "For Milligan that can have an impact because of the number of Christian Churches in places like Indiana."

Wise also pointed to Milligan's need to constantly reassert itself in churches, even when the relationship is long standing.

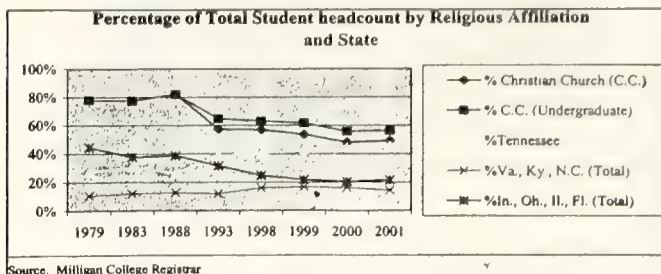
riculum more traditional liberal arts programs. Some are adding program-like education for example, Mee said.

Despite the decline Milligan is trying to stay visible in Christian churches by visiting various congregations and fostering relationships with students of a younger age. Youth conferences held at Milligan during the summer help the college's visibility.

"I think the prescription for it is a comprehensive effort, which is already underway, to engage the Christian churches," Mee said.

Meanwhile, Wise remains optimistic about the future of Christian Church/Churches of Christ enrollment.

"I think there are real opportunities for us to change these numbers for the better," said Joseph Wise, director of development and church relations. "I would suggest that one of the things we have to remind ourselves is that students and faculty and staff and even broader to the trustees and alumni, is that Milligan has to reintroduce ourselves all the time. We cannot rest on our laurels and assume that people know about us."



increases and the number of students from typically Christian Church areas in the Midwest decreases, it is expected that the look of Milligan's student body will change, Director of Development and Church Relations Joseph Wise said.

"We have an outstanding school, perhaps the best in the area," said Jeff Miller, assistant professor of Bible. "It is to be expected, therefore, that as Milligan increases in quality and recognizability, it will attract more and more local students."

Mee cites the fact that Milligan has become better known in other denominations for its high academic standards and quality education.

He also said that many students are now staying closer to home for college, which may continue because of the

"What we are is appealing to the church," said Wise. "There's a ministry that they appreciate. Where I think that the divide has happened is that the church leaders appreciate the ministry of the college, but we have to be every day be remembering that it's a new batch of prospective students that didn't hear you when you came up two years ago to visit the church."

Mee and Wise agree that due to the changing nature of Christian education, students who would previously only consider Milligan or small Bible colleges are now open to a wider range of options in their college choice.

"What we've also found is that there are lots of Bible colleges in the Christian Church, and more Bible colleges are beginning to add to their cur-

Rosemary Shields recovers after experimental surgery

by **Chad Booth**
News Editor

To the dismay of her colleagues, friends, and students, Rosemary Shields was forced to enter the hospital for surgery on Nov. 8 following the news that she had breast cancer.

According to Shields, she underwent a new procedure which is still in its infancy. The procedure still requires surgery; however, Shields had only two lymphnodes removed. The normal procedure is to remove all the lymphnodes in the affected area of the body. The recovery period for the new procedure is believed to be shorter since it is less

intrusive.

"I knew that many, many people were praying for me," said Shields.

The surgery was a success and Shields has not experienced any complications in the delicate post-operation period. She returned to work Nov. 27 following the Thanksgiving break.

Shields said she was comforted prior to the procedure by a former colleague.

Phyllis Fontaine, former registrar for Milligan College, is a volunteer at Johnson City Medical Center.

Shields said it was a tremendous comfort to have someone familiar around. She is also appreciative of the support from her family and friends.

"I have received over 50 cards from

friends," said Shields.

Ever the hard worker, she utilized her recovery period to read humanities papers.

During her absence, Shield's students attended other humanities sections.

"My classes have been very supportive and adapted," said Shields.

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News

Milligan celebrates 35th anniversary of Christmas Dinners

by Paige Wassel
Reporter

Milligan College celebrates the 35th anniversary of the Christmas Dinners this year with a madrigal production and the addition of a miracle play, called "The Inn."

"It's a wonderful way to usher in the Christmas season," said Richard Major, professor of theater and chair of the performing, communicative and visual arts area.

Professor of Bible Lee Magness said that Major asked him to compose a miracle play to include in this year's Christmas Dinners.

"It's kind of a parable that views the traditional birth story of Jesus through the experience of an individual," Magness said.

"The Inn" portrays Mary, Joseph, a shepherd and a wise man telling the innkeeper their role in the birth of Jesus in exchange for shelter. Kristin Speak plays Mary, Phillip Brown plays Joseph, Josiah Potter plays a shepherd, Ben Horjus plays a wise man and Christan McKay plays the innkeeper.

"To me the most meaningful thing is that for each participant and the innkeeper it is the presence of the baby Jesus that gives them fulfillment," Magness said.

Major said the Christmas Dinner tradition was started in the mid-60s as a way to showcase the college's chamber singers.

"It started as a simple musical program with a dinner and became more

elaborate with the passage of time," Major said.

The madrigal dinner program was performed for 28 years before faculty member John Campbell changed the program in 1995, Major said. In 1995 and 1996, the Christmas

Dinners had a frontier theme corresponding to the celebration of Tennessee's bi-centennial. For the next two years, the Christmas Dinners featured a radio show as a World War II tribute that current Music Professor Rick Simerly participated in, Major said. In 1999, the Christmas Dinners returned to a madrigal theme.

The traditional madrigal dinner dates back to the English Renaissance Period, combining, as this year's program notes, "music, feasting, pageantry and diverse entertainments."

Major said he has been in charge of the Christmas Dinners four years, but has had a role in the dinners since 1985.

"I tried to influence more involvement with all areas of the fine arts,"



(From left to right) Kristofer Reed, Heather Brandon, and Warren McCnckard enjoy watching a scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

- Photo by Jason Harville

Major said.

Associate Professor of Music John Wakefield has worked with the Christmas Dinners for 11 years directing the madrigal singers.

The first two shows of this year took place last weekend and the remaining performances will be on Dec. 6, 7 and 8.

The company consists of 12 singers, nine players, a string quartet, a recorder ensemble and six assistants. The singers and players perform a medley of Christmas carols, a scene from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "The Inn."

Wakefield said the madrigal singers perform 25 songs per night, including Christmas carols and madrigal songs. This year, they memorized two Italian,

two English and two French madrigal songs. Wakefield said the repertoire for the singers changes each night between the songs they have memorized they won't know what songs will be performed until the pester announce them.

"It keeps them fresh and on their toes," Wakefield said.

Wakefield said the madrigal singer practice all semester for three hours per week, and they are required to have all their music memorized one month before opening night, or they aren't allowed to perform in the show.

Wakefield said the madrigal dinners have not changed "appreciably" over the years.

"It's a different piece for people to see every year, but, in appreciative terms, the format has not changed because it comes from Elizabethan England," Wakefield said.

Regular ticket prices cost \$26-29, but a special student night was held on Nov. 29 with a \$3 ticket price. Major said that the Christmas Dinners haven't held a student night because their rehearsal schedule sometimes prevents this.

Sophomore Erik Boggs, a madrigal singer, said he was unsure of what to expect from the Christmas Dinner experience, but he has fun participating in it.

"It's one of the most grueling things I've ever done in my life, but it also has its rewards," Boggs said.

Junior Kristen Speak, a madrigal player, said she enjoys working with the other singers and players.

"I just really enjoy how we bring out the spirit of Christmas," Speak said.

Music Department expands by adding Pep Band to spring schedule

by Paige Wassel
Reporter

The music department at Milligan College expanded its ensemble choices for Milligan students with the addition of a pep band in the 2002 spring semester.

"It's a great opportunity for students on campus who were in band in high school to continue playing in college," Associate Professor of Music Rick Simerly said.

Academic Dean Mark Matson said that he suggested the idea of this music course to Simerly. Matson said this ensemble is a part of the college's goal of expanding the music program, which is one of the reasons why he promoted hiring Simerly.

"I felt the college needed more variety in instrumental courses," Matson said.

Simerly said this course is offered as a one-half credit class that will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:25 p.m.

He was uncertain of the pep band's schedule next semester, but thought they would perform at some basketball games. The availability of the pep band members would determine which games the band would attend.

"We're going to really play it by ear," Simerly said. "The main purpose of this ensemble is to have students play instruments and have fun doing it."

Matson noted a minimal response to the jazz ensemble this year.

"I have been disappointed by student reaction to the possibility of instrumental courses," Matson said.

Matson said he thought a pep band would improve the atmosphere for those attending basketball or soccer games. He stressed that this course would not cost students extra tuition if it put them in an overload of 18 course hours. Matson said he thought he might be able to provide pep band members with T-shirts or some meals as an incentive for joining.

"I hope students will start taking advantage of this," he said.

Technically, Matson said this class wasn't new to the course catalog because it fell under the instrumental ensemble entry, and, consequently, it didn't have to go through an academic committee for approval.

Simerly said he wasn't sure that a pep band ensemble was completely new

to Milligan, but he thought that the college hadn't had one in at least 20 years.

Sophomore Stephanie Lyons, a french hornist, supported the addition of a pep band.

"We don't have much of a musical ensemble at Milligan, and I think this is a good way to start one and get people together," Lyons said.

Lyons said she was recruited to promote the pep band by Simerly, who was her junior high band director. She said there was a lack of participants in general, but she especially noticed the need for brass players.

Simerly emphasized the need for brass, percussion and electric bass players. For students registering for pep band, the course number is MUSC 185-002. Simerly said students with questions about the course should either call him at 461-8939 or the music office at 461-8723.

"The main purpose of this ensemble is to have students play instruments and have fun doing it."

- Rick Simerly

Sports

Cross Country teams improve from last season and add an All-American

by Misty Fry
Editor-in-Chief

The ever-improving cross country team capped off its season on Nov. 17 by sending four runners to the NAIA National Championship in Kenosha, Wis.

Freshman Phillip Rotich captured an impressive 10th place finish out of 250 runners, achieving All-American status. With a time of 25:34, Rotich finished ahead of Regional Championships competitor Alexis Sharangabo of Brevard, who dropped out due to an injury.

Junior Ryan Starr also ran a tough race, with a finish of 32nd place. Running a season best of 26:06, Starr missed being an All-American by a mere two places.

With his third consecutive trip to Nationals, Starr has continually improved his time, finishing 38 places higher than last year.



The women's cross country team takes time out for a picture with their mascot after the NAIA Region XII AAC Championship

-Photo contributed by Bethany Haynes

"I was pleased with my run, but I was slightly disappointed by missing All-American," Starr said.

Freshman Rebecca Dixon and Senior Dawn Shatzer represented the women's

team. Dixon's time of 20:02 achieved 108th place, while Shatzer followed close behind with 20:14 for 137th place.

"The competition was pretty tough, but considering how bad I felt, I think I

did OK," Shatzer said. "I thought I was running slower than I actually was."

The team is now preparing for the indoor track season. The men will compete today at the Appalachian University Invitational in the distance medley, vying for a chance to the National meet. The distance medley will be run by freshman Trevor Donovan going the 800-meter, freshman Derek Webb with the 400, Starr in the 1200 and Rotich finishing with the mile (1600 meter) race.

"I'm very excited about the indoor track season," Starr said. "I have so much fun with these boys and I'm glad I have the chance to run the medley with them."

Shatzer and Dixon are also gearing toward track, and consider their cross country season as good training for the faster races.

"I love track," Dixon said. "Cross country helped prepare a solid base for my track season."

Women's basketball recovers from early losses to pick up two wins in conference

by Regina Holtman
Senior Editor

and Leslie Jenkins
Contributing Writer

Breaking through their initial losing streak, the women's basketball team secured two conference wins last week to Virginia Intermont and Tusculum College, but fell to Covenant on Tuesday night.

"We played pretty solid defense, especially in the first half, but you just cannot afford to shoot as poorly as we did and expect to keep a lead," Head Coach Rich Aubrey said after Tuesday's 45-57 defeat.

At halftime, the women were beating Covenant, but the Buffs lost their steam in the second half. Junior point guard Nicky Jessen led the team with 17 points. The Buffs have won two games and lost six this season. Saturday, the women had pulled off their second win of the season, beating VI 73-59.

"Our depth helped us win the game," Aubrey said after the VI victory. "We stepped up when it was time to win."

Jessen also led the team Saturday by drilling 26 points; she was followed by junior forward Amanda Hammons with 14 points.

The first win for the Lady Buffs came with a home game on Nov. 29 vs.

Tusculum. Despite Tusculum being a Div. II team, the Buffs rolled past their opponents with a 61-53 victory.

Tusculum was in the lead at halftime with a score of 34-28, but the Buffs came back in the second half. Aubrey said he was excited with the win because the game was played well by both teams.

"This was no gimme win," Aubrey said. "Our team worked real hard on defense all game. In the second half we had a spark of offense and that turned into a 21-3 run at the end of the game."

Impressed with the Buffs' play, Aubrey said he is starting two freshmen, Ginny White at point guard and Lacy York at center. York tossed in nine points to help the team in the win over Tusculum.

Jessen also proved a big asset for the Lady Buffs against Tusculum, when she scored 21 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Sophomore forward Miranda Greene contributed 13 points.

Jessen said the Lady Buffs could improve a lot over the season once the team finally comes together.

"We will do better than last season," Jessen said, "because we have more height and we are stronger in the forward and center positions."

The team matches up against Tusculum, for the second time this season, Thursday at 6 p.m.

Men's basketball breaks three game losing streak: improves record to even 4-4

by Jason Hotchkin
Editor-in-Chief

After dropping the last three games to Brevard College, Greensboro College and Virginia Intermont, the men's basketball team got back on track defeating Covenant College Tuesday night.

During their losing streak, the Buffs had not been taking care of the ball. Turnovers were costing the team and they were losing close games. The Buffs lost to VI 78-77 and to Greensboro 71-69, both in the last minute. To add to the fire, their top offensive threats were not producing the statistics that win games, despite the 40 points poured in by Lance Ashby in their VI loss.

Coach Tony Wallingford led the Buffs sputtering offense to Covenant College and managed to escape with a slim 79-77 win, effectively ending their three-game losing streak.

Though they seemed to struggle in their first half against Covenant, the second half proved better for the Buffs.

"We came together and played much better in the second half," said center James Howard.

Ashby contributed 35 points, while A.J. Hamler finished with 18.

Assistant Coach David Vespice said after the game, "The kids from Covenant played well, we were lucky to

get the win."

This win puts the Buffs record at 4-4. The men face Tusculum College Thursday at 8 p.m. in Greenville, Tenn.

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Sports

Women's Soccer Succumbs to Oklahoma City in National Tournament

by Ellen Stoots and Casey Lawhon
Contributing Writers

The women's soccer team advanced from the NAIA Region VII championships this year to play in the NAIA National Tournament in St. Louis, where the Buffs fell 3-0 in their first and only game at nationals.

The trip to St. Louis in mid-November marked the first time that a Milligan women's soccer team has advanced to nationals, a right the women earned by conquering King College in the regional tournament.

"Nationals has always been our

ultimate goal, but we never were able to get through regionals before," said senior midfielder Salem Wood.

The Lady Buffs arrived in Missouri on Tuesday night of Nov. 13 to begin the wait for the game on Friday.

"There was no chance to sit and realize what we had accomplished," said sophomore defender Ashley Caldwell. "We just kept up our game-by-game preparation."

"The girls seemed confident and ready to play," Head Coach John Garvilla said.

On Friday at noon the women played the number three-ranked team in the nation, Oklahoma City.

Four minutes into the game a cor-

ner kick mishandled by midfielder Jackie Goncalves and goalkeeper Emma Wirkus put the OCU Stars on the scoreboard.

"The first goal really threw us off, we haven't been scored against in post-season play," Wood said.

From that point, the Lady Stars dominated the rest of the half and scored again with three minutes until halftime. Early in the second half, late was sealed with a third goal by Oklahoma City.

"This was the best competition we had all year," Caldwell said. "They dominated the game with amazing passing and strong offensive attacking; they kept us on defense the whole

game."

The Lady Buffs sported a season record of 18 wins, three losses and three ties and led the NAIA in shutouts with 16. The women had beat two top 10 NAIA teams and tied the number one ranked NAIA team in the nation Lindsey Wilson before they reached the national tournament.

"After watching all the teams play, I feel we were the seventh or eighth best team in the nation," Garvilla said.

He later added, "I knew this team was special. I have never coached a better group of girls," he said. "Ask me in 20 years if we were successful. The lives of these girls would hopefully have spoken volumes by that time."

Four years of hard work culminate in trip to nationals and lifetime of memories

by Casey Lawhon
Contributing Writer

Four years. Ninety games. Two hundred and forty training practices. Seventy-five 6 a.m. fitness sessions. Two hundred hours crammed in a smelly van for away games. Eighty pre-game hours in the locker room. One miserable, flooded "Survivor" trip at Lake Watauga. Two trips to Florida; one to New York. Three AAC Conference championships. One Region XII Championship. One major injury. Consistent shin splints. Thousands of bruises. Thousands of "jump-tucks," sit-ups and push-ups as punishment. Four pair of \$80 cleats. Zero fall breaks. Zero free Saturdays. Zero fall road trips. Countless tears. Countless laughs.

Four years in the Milligan College soccer program. One trip to nationals.

I look out the window of the team bus on the return trip from nationals in St. Louis and watch the trees passing swiftly by. It reminds me of the people that have come and gone so quickly in my life. As Coach John Garvilla says, "The team picture changes every year."

This year's group was definitely different, with representatives from Canada, Texas, New York, Australia, England, Indiana, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Ohio, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Michigan. Only one player claims Tennessee as her home state.

Of all four years I have played at Milligan, this group of girls is my favorite. Inevitably, a bond is formed between our team that is like no other. Due to the amount of time we are together, at least two and a half hours a

day minimum, we begin to learn to carry each other through the good times and bad. We go through it all together. We are more than just teammates.

Our bond was established early in pre-season through the "Survivor" trip on an island at Lake Watauga, where record amounts of rain were dumped upon us in the middle of the night, ruining our shelters, sleeping bags and spare clothes. Four of us held a canoe over our heads for hours to remain dry.

Many don't understand what we, as soccer players and as athletes in general, endure on a daily basis. This is obvious by the amount of fans we have at some of our games. If people knew what we go through, they would give up two hours of their day to watch us play — the result of our hard work.

In the fall, soccer is life. We breathe soccer, dream soccer, think soccer. We walk to Derthick miserably with sore legs, prop our heads up in class because we are so exhausted, and settle for mediocre academic performance. Our thoughts are dominated by dread of the afternoon's practice, desire to gain or keep a starting position, and how in the world to get it all done.

Playing collegiate athletics requires prioritizing, mental (as well as physical) endurance and the drive to succeed. When your team loses, after all the time you have invested, you still have to overcome the disappointment and discouragement and get up when your alarm goes off, and do the day all over again.

Fortunately, Milligan College soccer, for me, has been a winning experience in many aspects. Not that I emphasize winning above all, but by spending the majority of time on competition, the

significance of success becomes much greater.

I have learned that hard work should be for the benefit of the whole, not just myself. I have learned that I have to get up and go to class

when my alarm goes off if I don't want the whole team to run for me at six a.m. I have learned about self-discipline and to not to settle for mediocrity. I have learned to block out voices that tell me negative things and that an encouraging word can change the outcome of a teammates day...or mine. I have learned more about life than I ever thought I would by playing collegiate soccer.

With all that said, it's easy why our trip to Nationals was such a big deal. I just knew that not only did we belong in St. Louis with the top 16 NAIA women's soccer teams in the country, but also that we could potentially beat every single one of them.

"My last game," I thought as the second half ticked away. The last game is usually a loss, but to end like this? Four years of blood, sweat and tears and it ends just like that, with the ball in the wrong net?



The women's soccer team gathers together for one last picture in St. Louis
- Photo contributed by Casey Lawhon

After the final whistle, there were tears and hugs. "...a great career," Coach Garvilla said to me, as he patted me on the back. All I felt was disappointment.

One who has never played sports on a competitive level cannot understand the disappointment that comes with a season ending after so much hard work. One who has never invested four years of life into one activity can never understand the reward.

Four years later and the shin splints are still with me, knees constantly aching, fatigue overwhelming.

Students can go hiking whenever they want, make random road trips to Folly Beach, or even just talk to friends for hours. I haven't done much of that and I may graduate an entire semester late.

But I went to nationals, and I played with 15 girls who I love as my sisters.

Four years, one trip to nationals.

Features

Milligan urban legends: feasibly factual or fantastically fabricated?

by **Christian McKay**
Managing Editor

and **Jennifer Soucie**
Web Administrator

Mrs. Hopwood's riding crop became the Hopwood tree.

Most people hear this legend on their campus tours. The story goes that when the Hopwoods arrived at the current site of Milligan College they knelt down and prayed. Mrs. Hopwood then took her riding crop and stuck it in the ground at the desired site for their new vision in Christian education. This crop then sprouted roots and grew into a tree.

Though we were not able to confirm or deny this report, pretty much anyone can tell you that riding crops don't sprout roots.

The original tree, named the Hopwood tree, which grew next to a plaque in the commons area behind Hardin Hall and next to Derthick Hall, has long since died. The current tree is one of its descendants.

A student once stole the chandeliers in Seeger Chapel.

According to John Wakefield, associate professor of music, this one is true. Around 25 years ago several objects began turning up missing from campus including silver punch bowls, silver serving pieces and audiovisual equipment. Then came the chandeliers.

"Then one day, we arrived in Seeger to find that the chandeliers had been removed from the ceiling in the lower lobby," Wakefield said. "A few days later, all of the goods, and other stuff from the Elizabethton area, were found in a house in Elizabethton that was being rented by some Milligan guys. Ha!"

The organ in the chapel is there because of the babysitter of a former college president.

This one is also true, confirmed courtesy of John Wakefield. When the parents of former president Dr. Walker and his brother, W. R. Walker, left home on evangelistic crusades, a local woman would baby-sit them. This woman later married the founder of Schantz Organ Builders.

Walker made sure that the chapel organ was a Schantz in honor of his former babysitter.

Seeger Chapel was originally to be named "Walker Chapel."

This is not a legend. It's also true. The Phillips Foundation, of the B. D.

Phillips family, an oil company family of Butler, Pennsylvania, provided a large amount of money for the building of the current chapel but Phillips did not want the building to be named after him.

Dr. Walker then decided to name the building after his father. According to Wakefield, as the plan moved forward, the hymnals for the new building were even inscribed with the words, "Walker Chapel."

Then an attorney arrived claiming that a Christian businessman named Ura Seeger had earlier given funds for the construction of a chapel on the condition that the building bear his name.

"Suddenly all the plans changed, and the building became what we know today as Seeger Memorial Chapel," said Wakefield. "A bronze plaque in the floor of the portico of the building commemorates Mr. Ura Seeger, 'Christian businessman and friend to students.' I have no idea who the man was."

Mr. Ura Seeger is a real man. He was a member of the Clarks Hill Christian Church in Indiana, but little evidence could be found as to his biography.

One side note, lower Seeger is actually named the "George O. Walker Auditorium."

Milligan's library is sinking because planners forgot to figure in the weight of the books.

Another Milligan legend is that the library is sinking because the architects didn't account for the weight of the books when designing the building. The steps leading downhill from the library to the road are connected to the library's foundation. Jennifer examined the foundation and was unable to find any substantial cracks. If the library was truly sinking, the steps would be affected too, and they aren't.

Steven Preston, director of library services, said, "I had never heard that before this month, though it is humorous." Another Milligan legend debunked.

Students have been taking a "Sewer Tour."

Milligan's very own Sewer Tour continues to be a popular hot spot - although many students would never brave it themselves. To investigate the validity of this Milligan legend, Jennifer and her roommate, Wendy, decided to investigate the sewer themselves.

Armed with flashlights, they entered the large concrete pipe on the Post Office side of Buffalo Creek. The pipe's corridors narrow with a gradual upgrade

toward the field house.

Funny quotes dating back decades line the walls and ceiling of the corridors. The sewer tour was a legend even in the 1970s when the most popular attraction was the cave drawings featuring a man spearing a bull and a boat in a rainstorm.

Quotes found inside include, "flood season - January through December," and "you can still turn back."

Only the truly fearless continue past the field house entrance as the pipe becomes so narrow that crawling becomes a necessity. Who knows what lies that point? It's a Milligan legend.

A student once died on the tennis courts after being "creeked."

While every college has legends of students dying on campus for various reasons, Milligan's legend dates back to the 1950s when a male student was allegedly on his way back to his dorm after being dumped naked in to the creek.

Running across the tennis courts, the net was down but the wire that holds the nets was still in place. When he ran into the wire, he was badly cut. When someone spotted him in the morning, he had bled to death.

Former Milligan student Dave Soucie provided the details for this legend and said, "I was told that the Milligan tradition of dumping newly engaged guys in Buffalo Creek was thereafter banned, at least for a number of years."

We don't know if this legend is true, but the tradition of "creeking" engaged guys lives on.

There are caves located under Derthick Hall.

Though several faculty and students have heard about this legend we were unable to confirm or deny it. Leonard Beattie had never heard the story and several staff who were at Milligan at the time of Derthick's renovation in the 1970s were also unable to confirm the report. A representative from the construction company was also unavailable for comment.

The story goes like this. Derthick



Milligan students enter the sewer tour here, through the concrete pipe, just below the bridge as you enter the college.

-Photo by Jennifer Soucie

Hall now sits on the site of the campus' original brick building. Most of the building was destroyed in a fire in 1918 and was rebuilt in 1919. In 1978 the building was completely renovated and as legend has it when putting in the new elevator shaft the contractor discovered caves under the building. I guess we'll never know for sure!

Pardee Hall, need we say more?

Pardee Hall was the site for some pretty crazy stories, some of which have been confirmed by Pardee alumnus and current Professor of Church History at Emmanuel School of Religion Dr. Paul Blowers.

Blowers said that on one occasion the Pardee men and the Webb Hall residents had a competition on Sutton Hill during which they shot bottle rockets at one another. The dorm father quickly broke up this little "game".

On another occasion the Pardee men pelted some well-meaning Christmas carolers from Sutton and Hart with water balloons.

In yet another incident involving water, a mattress in the basement of the building caught on fire when it made contact with a baseboard heater, causing the sprinkler system to go on. The system drenched the drum set of one Pardee resident, but didn't actually put out the fire. The Pardee men grabbed some fire extinguishers and had the blaze out themselves before the Carter County Fire Department arrived.

"As they drove up with their engines blazing we already had the fire out," said Blowers.

Finally, a creative prank involving newspapers left one resident's room three-fourths of the way filled with crumpled newspapers, so when he opened his door they all fell out.

Just don't try that one at home!

Opinion

Seize the day and make a list of things to do before age 30

by Jennifer Thomas
Reporter

Everyday people think about what they could have done, what they should do and what they realize they will never actually get around to doing.

When older people look back on their lives, they can always remember opportunities missed. Once, as I was talking to my grandma about things she regrets not doing and things she recommends doing, I realized a minute lost is truly lost forever. I decided to make lists of things I want to do, whether it be this semester, by the time I am 30, or by the time I die.

I suggest that anyone who wants to seize the day should make a similar set of lists. The list needs to be personalized — what I plan or others suggest may not interest everyone. I have compiled some suggestions of things to do before age 30 below. The source of these suggestions range from Mark Fox, dean of students, to my grandma. However, these are goals I think we all can appreciate.

The first on the list is to make another list. Write down your dreams — you need to know what they are. Turn your goals into a checklist and keep them some where to inspire you. I have a couple copies, some I have hidden in strange places and when I stumble upon them I get an instant sense of renewal.

Travel. While you are young you have less commitment and more opportunities. Whether you plan weekend getaways to new places or to backpack Europe, traveling enhances your sense of independence and adventure.

Do something gutsy. While you are still young and physically capable



(From left to right) Previous Milligan student, Sarah Timbrook and seniors Jennifer Thomas and Bethany Haynes pose at the Grand Canyon during a mission trip in Arizona

-Photo contributed by Jennifer Thomas

do something extreme. Maybe try skydiving

Find a hobby. This one is from grandma! She thinks that if you find something that really excites you, then you should learn about it and love it. When you have something that makes you feel good, then it gives you a sense of self. When your life feels out of control, you will always have a hobby to give you peace of mind.

See the ocean, go for a real hike, or watch a sun set and stay up to watch it rise. Nature is an important thing to get to know and appreciate.

Try something new, even if it is something you don't think you would like. Eat some sushi, or ride a roller coaster. Like my mom says, "Don't knock it 'till you try it."

Test your physical abilities. Hike to the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

Read the Bible all the way through, cover to cover. My dad suggests trying different churches and religions. Maybe you grew up in the church and you have your parent's religion and you do not really know why you believe what you believe. Going to other churches or speaking to other people may really help to make your beliefs real.

Graduate and figure out what you want to do. Your 20's is a time to experiment with jobs, try some different internships and build a resume. By the time you turn 30, you should start being able to see a bigger picture of what you want out of life.

Learn to appreciate. The greatest things to learn are from people who

have experienced life for longer than you have. Appreciate your parents who really had no clue what they were doing, yet managed to raise someone as great as yourself

Appreciate the past and mistakes you have made because the past is one of your greatest teachers

Learn to be by yourself and learn to be content by yourself. Go to dinner by yourself, go to a movie and enjoy quiet time. We are our own best friend, do not be afraid to spend time (even in public) with yourself

Set goals. Whether it is to run a marathon, write a book or go to every 7-Eleven in the country. If you have something to work toward, then difficult aspects of life become more bearable.

The important thing is to live and experience. When you actually experience something, it's real to you. It's a story and a memory. Too many people live their lives through television and books. We must be willing to leave our homes and open up to the world around.

Don't limit yourself to any one adventure; if you get one hobby, don't stop there; just keep on going. If you have run one marathon, then try a triathlon. The opportunities are endless.

In writing this column I have become inspired, and I hope that in reading my suggestions you too have become inspired. I am off for a hike, by myself, somewhere new, and perhaps dinner. Hey, the best adventure is when you combine all your goals.

Just remember, "Dance as if no one is watching, work as if you didn't need the money, and love as if you have never been hurt before." Set no limitations only goals!

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Opinion

Milligan man offers modest proposal to solve dating dulldrums

by Nathaniel Poling
Features Editor

Looking over the entire dating scene at Milligan and seeing all the heartbreak and emotional distress that it puts both guys and girls through, I have come up with an ingenious solution to solve the problem in its entirety.

However, first, I'm putting a disclaimer on the words that follow. This column is in total jest. Nevertheless, if you really are offended by it and want to come looking for me with violent intentions, I'm in Webb 319.

I propose that we should deport all Milligan women to Antarctica.

You might think that this idea is totally absurd, and you are probably right, but there is no denying the fact that such measures would indeed solve and prevent many cross-gender difficulties. I have four points that support my proposal. Firstly, there is plenty of space in Antarctica. Secondly, the cold climate will suit their cold hearts (Though I must admit that guys can be pretty cold

hearted themselves). Thirdly, they will keep the penguins company. Lastly and most significantly, is that their deportation will make life at Milligan for the remaining gender simpler and easier.

This column might sound very pessimistic, but let me assure you that there is some basis in reason. While noticing the proliferation of engagements this semester, many single people like myself have been overwhelmed by it all. I, for one, am beginning to think that maybe deportation is a more viable option.

It is no secret that at Milligan women outnumber men 60 percent to 40 percent. From a guy's perspective, it should make finding a significant other easier. Consider the following paradox: while Milligan women complain about "guys not asking them out," those same

guys are often confronted with the "let's just be friends" speech.

In addition, there are two interesting phenomena that occur in guy-girl relationships at Milligan. The first is the "girls' network," discovered by my good friend Matt Joseph. The second is the "girls are evil" formula, created by my equally good friend Aaron Akins.

The principle of the "girls' network" is that if something happens to one girl because of a guy, then in no time girls all over campus will know about it due to this "networking." The eventual result of this networking is that all girls will get to know which guy is supposedly a jerk, and who is supposedly not.

The "girls are evil equation" is a lit-

tle more complex and requires some logic. The basic premise is that girls equal time and money. Since time is money, girls equal money squared. Also, since money is the root of much evil, that means girls are evil.

Therefore, sending women to Antarctica will help them, allowing them to escape jerks at Milligan. Men will benefit by having less evil in their lives. Therefore, I see no reason why my plan of deportation should not be immediately recognized as plausible to solve the hardships of life.

Unfortunately, plans to deport hundreds of females to the frozen shelf of rock otherwise known as Antarctica must be placed on hold, since no one has the money for the plane tickets. Since I don't think the college administrators will sell the cupola on top of Derthick to send the women to a chilly destination, I propose a secondary plan of action—a far more logical and easier approach. Instead of sending the women to Antarctica let's send them to the next worse thing—Indiana or Ohio.

"I propose that we should deport all Milligan women to Antarctica."

- Nathaniel Poling

Letter to the Editor

From Kevin Bobrow

What's the deal with all the use of tobacco on Milligan's campus of late? Can anyone give me a straight answer? Day after day I see students on this campus using all sorts of tobacco—smoking cigarettes, smoking cigars, using dip, etc. Does anyone see a problem with this or I am just a silly idealist who needs to get with the times?

Really, I have just one question. What does the Bible mean when it says that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, which is in us, which we have received from God? The next verse says we are to honor God with our bodies—what does this mean? Are we to honor God with our bodies only in the areas where we feel like it? I don't know anyone who would agree to that statement. And yet that is exactly how we are acting—as if we can agree to this command of God on the points we like... But you don't think that really applies to smoking a cigar once in a while, do you Kevin??

Let's suppose for a minute that next Thursday at chapel I got up to

the microphone and announced that 17 student leaders were discovered in someone's dorm room taking part in a huge orgy. What would the reaction be? I would predict an outcry calling for the expulsion or at least the suspension of all the students involved. But when I tell you that I have seen at least 17 student leaders at Milligan desecrating their bodies by using tobacco (which is scientifically proven to kill), the reaction would be one of apathy. Now Kevin, you are probably saying, how can you compare smoking with taking part in a sexual orgy? Well just as taking part in sexual misconduct is dishonoring the body that God has given you, so is using tobacco. Plain and simple. It may not be against the law, and it may not even be against the rules of the Milligan community, but it is not beneficial in any way. I Corinthians 10:23 says, "Everything is permissible (allowed), but not everything is beneficial... Don't seek your own good but the good of others."

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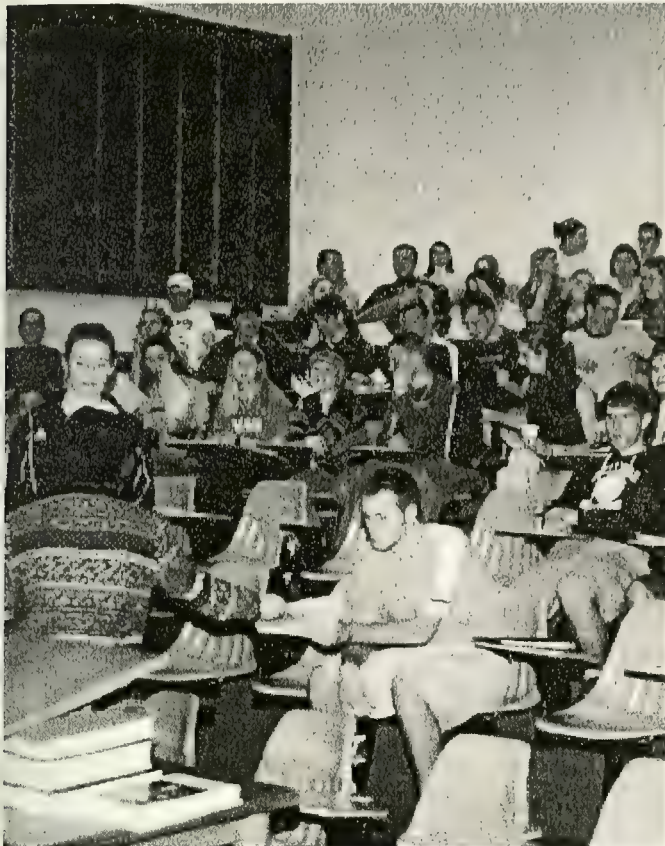
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Revolutionizing History



Humanities program endures essential reconstruction

Christian McKay
Editor-in-Chief

Starting the fall semester of 2002, freshmen and sophomores will experience a changed humanities program focusing more on writing instruction and critical thinking skills.

For one semester each year, instead of attending lectures on Tuesdays and Thursdays, students will now have a small group writing instruction, while those enrolled in the humanities tour are now required to take three hours of writing credit.

"We try to assess the program continuously," said Jack Knowles, chair, area of humane learning/professor of English/director of humanities. "Particularly in the last three years we have felt that more students would benefit from more direct writing instruction."

The Humanities Council unanimously passed the revisions on January 11 and the decision was later approved by the Academic Committee on January 21.

The changes were made after evaluation of the program over the last several years.

Students will have the writing instruction the first semester freshman year and second semester sophomore year, according to the academic committee meeting minutes. Students will

register for a writing section made up of about 20 students and meet on Tuesday and Thursday for 80 minutes during what used to be lecture times.

Discussion sections will keep the same format on Monday Wednesday and Friday for all semesters.

"We're convinced that the most effective learning in the current structure takes place in discussion sections, so we wanted to preserve those," said Knowles.

Though lecture time will be lost because of the change, the humanities faculty feels that this loss will be balanced by the greater focus on writing and the opportunity for students to respond critically and analyze ideas in art, literature and history during the writing instruction time, said Knowles.

The faculty wanted to find a way to focus on these skills in a logical, coherent manner, and replacing the lecture time with writing instruction accomplished this goal.

"The main thing is that we just feel like we can do a good bit more with critical thinking skills and with showing how writing and reading and critical thinking are all integrated processes," said Knowles. "I think we'll cover roughly the same amount of information, but it won't be exactly the same information."

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The freshmen class listens to a humanities lecture by Mrs. Kiser. The humanities professors will be changing humanities' program organization next year for both freshmen and sophomores

-Photo by Jason Harville

Director of teacher education renounces chair, remains administrator

Alison Waters
Calendar Editor

In an e-mail to the faculty on January 11, President Don Jeanes announced that Phil Roberson, the director of teacher education and area chair, had submitted a letter of resignation, citing personal reasons.

Mark Matson, the academic dean, who was out of town when this decision was made, said he was not surprised.

"It's always up in the air about people serving additional duties," said Matson. "We are fortunate to have faculty members who are willing to take them on, and we live off their graciousness."

Roberson actually submitted his letter of resignation on January 3, and in the absence of Matson, Jeanes circulated the memo to the faculty via e-mail.

Although Roberson's reasons are personal, many people are surprised by

his decision.

"I guess it just took too much time, that's what we think," said Rosemarie Shields, assistant professor of English and humanities.

Matson said that Roberson had what had been in the past a two person job.

"Frankly, a lot of administrative pressure was part of that," said Matson.

Roberson is currently serving his fourth year as associate professor of

early childhood education. He served as the director of teacher education since January 2000 and the education area chairperson since May of 2000. Roberson resigned from the administrative positions, not entirely from the college.

"He still retains some administrative duties, and continues to work as advisor for graduate students," said Matson.

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News

Johnson City Symphony Orchestra performs with Chamber Orchestra

Paige Wassel
Reporter

The Milligan College Chamber Orchestra will once again be the featured performers in a Johnson City Symphony Orchestra concert to be held in Seeger Chapel at 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, February 2.

This concert marks the second time that Lewis Dalvit, the conductor of the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra, has asked the chamber orchestra to perform with them.

"Lewis Dalvit has been very supportive of the string program here at Milligan and has done a lot to help it grow," said Kellie Brown, assistant professor of music.

This year, the two groups will be performing, "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" by Mozart, which is written for string instruments. Only the string portion of the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra will be performing with the chamber orchestra on this piece, Brown said.

"It's the kind of piece that is really familiar to everybody," Brown said.



Juniors Dana Leathers and Emily Fuller practice their violin and viola in preparation for orchestra performance. The Chamber Orchestra will perform February 2 in Seeger Chapel.

-Photo by Jason Harville

"Everyone has been really excited about getting to play this piece, especially with the symphony."

Milligan violist Emily Fuller said she has enjoyed practicing with the symphony and feels the two groups will do well with this piece.

"They're fun to play with because it's a great big sound," Fuller said.

Brown said she started the chamber orchestra group at Milligan in 1999, and this group currently consists of approximately fifteen members from Milligan students and alumni, ETSU students, volunteers from the community and some high school students.

The chamber orchestra performed Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 3" with the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra in October 2000.

Humanities program contd.

They (students) will be learning some different things...in balance I think it's a gain, but for *Jeopardy* possibly a little bit less."

Those students who bring in three hours of credit in English composition from advanced placement courses, previous English coursework or CLIP credit will take only the discussion section for humanities 101, but will now take the last three semesters for full credit. Those bringing in six hours of credit will take only the discussion sections of Humanities 101 and 202.

Because of the change there will be a one-year only transition period for freshmen in the fall of 2001 that brought in English composition credit. Those students will have the option of taking the full six hours of credit in Humanities 202 or replacing the writing section with another class in English, philosophy or history. Knowles stresses, however, that this option is only for this year's incoming freshmen.

In addition to the change in lectures, students registering to go on the humanities tour starting in summer 2003 will also experience change. Beginning in 2003, the humanities tour will count for three hours of credit, instead of the usual six hours.

Grades for the tour will include participation in the tour and the tour journal. Those going on the tour will not take the discussion sections of Humanities 202, but will still enroll in the writing section.

Stolen banner found without resolution

John Hampton
Reporter

In the second major theft of the school year, Milligan's welcome banner was swiped from Sutton Hall January 17.

The banner was found by lawn maintenance personnel in the bushes behind Kegley Hall and returned to Joe Wise, director of development, by Marc Marshall, resident director of Webb Hall. The banner, however, was badly damaged due to the rainfall and will have to be replaced.

Wise, who in charge of the promotional banner, estimates the cost to exceed two hundred dollars for a replacement.

The banner, along with the theft of

the American flag outside Sutton Hall last semester, makes over four hundred dollars the administration will have been forced to replace due to theft. While current sentiment is that these disappearances are unrelated, administrators contacted are concerned about a possible growing trend.

Normal campus policy is to deal with these types of incidents with inter-campus measures as much as possible.

Mark Fox, dean of students, said no further steps are being taken to prosecute any possible responsible parties. No further security is planned for the banner display.

"If kids are going to steal, they're going to steal," Fox said.

Director of teacher education contd.

Bert Allen, area chair of social learning and professor of psychology, replaces Roberson as the interim area chair in the department of education.

Replacing Roberson as the new director of teacher education is adjunct professor Billy Joyce Fine.

Fine and her husband Ed are both Milligan alumni, and he is also a member of the Milligan Board of Trustees.

Currently Roberson continues with his faculty position and supervising student teaching in public schools.

He also continues to hold three positions outside of Milligan in relation to Tennessee education as well as one national assignment, being a member of the Professional Development of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

As Jeanes stated in the e-mail, Roberson "will work with Fine and Allen to insure a smooth transition."

"We are fortunate to have faculty members who are willing to take (duties) on, and we live off their graciousness."

- Mark Matson

ine that we would have any change in the [education] program...I have no desire for it to change," said Matson.

"Roberson has been instrumental in helping us through NCATE re-accreditation and resolving some licensure issues with the State of Tennessee," said Jeanes in the e-mail. "We appreciate his contribution to the College."

Roberson declined a request for an interview at this time.

Julie Ray returns to position as Director of Student Life



Julie Ray, director of student life (pictured below with her new puppy Lizzie), returns this semester after a leave of absence which began in November. Ray will account some of her experiences during this absence at a Vespers service later this semester.

Feature

LINC boxes food for local food bank

Nathan Moulder
Reporter

A group of 20 Milligan students kicked off the first volunteer opportunity from the LINC center (Linking Individuals to the Needs of the Community) by heading to the Second Harvest Food Bank in Johnson City January 28 to sort and label food.

"For me going to volunteer is a type of service and I consider that to be one of the biggest things that God wants us to do."

- Adam Samaritoni

"I think the best part about the service project was the sense of community," said participant Adam Samaritoni. "We were all working together and we got to meet and talk with people we didn't know very well. It gave us a real sense of community."

"This is a good way to begin this semester," said Katie Lloyd, co-director of LINC.

"We only needed 20 people to help the 28th and we had no problem getting that many people to volunteer."

The overwhelming response encouraged LINC leaders and they hope there continues to be a strong response throughout the remainder of the semester to the need for volunteers.

"We've made some major changes, so things are going to be better at LINC this year," said Lloyd.

This year the center, formerly known as the Volunteer Action Center, got a new name, new people and new hours, which are expected to make LINC more convenient for those looking to volunteer.



Those who are interested in volunteering will find several opportunities from short term to long term commitment, both on and off campus.

"The commitment can be one time or for as long as you chose," said Lloyd.

LINC activities planned for the next several months include a Cranks Creek trip, creek clean up and sorting clothes for the Ukraine.

Opportunities for service, however, are not just limited to the events organized and sponsored by LINC.

"We have many opportunities for service and we are able to match people up with what they are able to do," said Lloyd. "People call the center all the time with a wide variety of needs like buying groceries or mowing the grass."

"For me going to volunteer is a type of service and I consider that to be one of the biggest things that God wants us to do," said Samaritoni. "It says in the Bible that Jesus came to serve, not to be served, so as a Christian, service is one of our main callings."

Senior David Mayer and Freshman Chad Parker label and stack cans of corn for Second Harvest Food Bank. LINC spent two hours at the food bank Monday sorting, boxing and labeling various food items as their first service project of the semester.

-Photo by Melissa McGovern

Email policy rouses varried emotions among students

Annie Tipton
Reporter

Neglecting to check a Milligan e-mail account may now carry heavier consequences than not knowing what time cosmic bowling begins or who is the latest person to lose their keys.

The new Milligan e-mail usage policy recently came to the campus' attention through an e-mail sent by Chair of the Technology Applications Committee, Carolyn Carter.

"The Milligan e-mail address will be the official communication system for faculty, staff, and students (beginning the spring semester 2002)," according to the policy that was approved on October 15, 2001.

For students this means important information may find its way to Milligan e-mail boxes- information that may once have come via telephone or intercampus mail.

"The business office prefers to use e-mail communication to inform students about loan checks that have arrived or other financial aid issues rather than trying to catch students by telephone or personal contact," Carter said.

Director of Public Relations Lee Fierbaugh supported this policy even in its

preliminary stages in the spring of 2001.

"I think it is important to have a central communication system," Fierbaugh said. "If all faculty, staff, and students use the same e-mail system, it ensures that we can communicate important information on a timely basis."

The policy also requires professors to use Milligan e-mail to correspond with students for everything from announcements of class cancellations to submitting assignments.

Associate Professor of Communications Bruce Montgomery said he expects some resistance from students who are not used to checking their Milligan e-mail regularly.

"But I do believe it is the best option in order for administration to effectively communicate with students," Montgomery said.

Carter said that one reason campus e-mail exist is because of the \$175 technology fee paid each semester by full-time Milligan students.

"We have spent a lot of money on computer technology and need to promote its use," she said.

Student reaction remains mixed in opinions about Milligan e-mail.

Freshman Erin Blasinski said she checks her Milligan e-mail regularly and has had no problems accessing her account.

"I like it because the Student Life announcements comes over the e-mail," Blasinski said. "(The Milligan e-mail) lets me know what's going on."

Other students haven't had as much luck with their accounts. Freshman Noelle Kessler said she does not check her Milligan e-mail regularly.

"I just use my hotmail account," Kessler said. "Nobody knows how to (access Milligan e-mail) on our computers."

Information Technology Support Manager Mark Nester said he feels that the majority of Milligan students are able to check their campus e-mail and feel confident in doing so.

"We get very few calls, and the ones we do are consistently from the same people who are having difficulties with Outlook," Nester said.

Carter said she sees Milligan e-mail as a way for students to organize the types of email they receive.

"We aren't saying students can't have other e-mail accounts," Carter said. "We are just encouraging them to learn to communicate in various venues. Maintaining multiple e-mail accounts allows you to keep your personal life and your academic life separate."

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SGA 2002

EVEN BETTER

We had a leadership retreat recently and we went through the results from the Town Meeting held in December. We know that in the past many students have felt detached from the student government and have also felt that there has been a lack of communication between the student government and the students. Well, we have heard and have understood your comments, both good and bad, and have decided to start things off right this semester. We pledge to do **EVEN BETTER** and want to strive for excellence with SGA. We are here to serve you and pledge to be proactive in representing you.

*Nevan, Emily, Jason,
Jessica, Dave, and Brad*
Your Executive Council

if you have any questions or comments
please call the SGA office at
461-8752

SGA Night in the Cafeteria

Thursday, January 31

Come and let SGA serve you!!

SGA trip to visit Carson Newman

Thursday, February 7

Your SGA will visit Carson Newman for new ideas and to see how other schools student life works.

SGA Sponsors Family Weekend

February 15-17

SGA welcomes your family to our beautiful campus.

SGA Blood Drive

Friday, February 22

Give the gift of life.

Tommy Oaks to visit Milligan

Tuesday, February 26 at 9:00 p.m. in Webb Hall

Gigs, come and here an incredible man of God.

Student Leadership Meeting

Thursday, February 28th right after chapel in upper-Seeger

If you are interested in any leadership position at Milligan including SGA, Spritual Life, Social Affairs, Concert Council, Commuter and International Representative, etc.

Check out our new Website at
[http://quicksitebuilder.cnet.com/
nevanhooker/milligan/](http://quicksitebuilder.cnet.com/nevanhooker/milligan/)

SGA Meetings are every Tuesday night at 9:15
in the SUB SGA Room. All students are
welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Sports

week in review:

Buffalo BASKETBALL

Bad chemistry, injuries cause men's slump

Column by Jason Hotchkin
Reporter

To the untrained eye Milligan College men's basketball team may seem to be in a slump, but there exist certain factors that have contributed to the "slump" other than just poor effort.

One key aspect that has been heavily weighing on the team is injuries. Senior forward Scott Hall has been out of action most of the year nursing an ankle injury. He plans, however, to be back on the court within a couple weeks.

A.J. Hamler came away from Christmas break with stitches. Todd Davis has broken ribs. Both James Howard and Lance Ashby are having foot troubles.

With an overall record of 7-14 and the injuries at hand, it would be easy at this point to throw in the towel and accept the status quo.

However, that kind of thinking doesn't fly with head coach Tony Wallingford.

"We are going to get better, and we have got to do that now," he said.

In the time remaining the team is searching for that chemistry that will get them to the next level.

The Buffs lost to Alice Lloyd College at home January 24, 68-70. They dropped another game on the road to Bryan College last weekend 58-74, bringing their overall record to 7-14.

The men's next game is January 31 at home against Virginia Intermont.



Graphic by Jackie Patterson and Jason Harville

Lady Buffs celebrate ninth win, prepare for Virginia Intermont

Lesley Jenkins
Reporter

Tuesday, Jan. 29 the Lady Buffs picked up their ninth win of the season against Southern Virginia.

This win, however, was preceded by two disappointing losses. The team lost to Bryan College on Jan. 26, 76-80 and to Alice Lloyd College Jan. 24 by a score of 58-53.

Coach Rich Aubrey said the team led in scoring for most of the game against Alice Lloyd, but struggled with offense in the end.

"We played very well defensively," said Aubrey, "but it wasn't enough to win."

According to Aubrey, sophomore Miranda Greene played a good game, scoring 10 points and pulling down five rebounds. Junior Amanda Hammons scored nine points, including one three pointer. Freshman Ginny White played almost the entire game, scoring six points and accumulating three steals.

The leading scorer for the Lady Buffs was junior Nicky Jessen with 13 points, despite only playing a few minutes into the second half, forced to leave the game with an ankle injury.

The Buffs record now stands at 9-12. Their next game is Jan. 31 at home against Virginia Intermont.

SCOREBOARD

GUEST		MILLIGAN	
PERIOD		PERIOD	
POINTS		POINTS	
FOULS		FOULS	
PLAYER-FOUL		PLAYER-FOUL	
MATCH		MATCH	

Women's B-ball

Men's B-ball

January 29th
Buffs-79
S. Virginia-58

January 29th
Buffs-45
Tusculum-52

Track team endures rigorous training despite season

Misty Fry
Senior Writer

Despite January being indoor track season, Milligan's track team can still be found running drills under the nightly glow of florescent lights at Science Hill High School.

Illuminated by the lights, the small track team practices rigorously, all focused on bettering their times and qualifying for the NAA National Championships meet to be held on February 28.

"This is my first year running indoor track, and it's a different experience," said freshman Derek Webb. "I love it."

Milligan's distance medley, composed of Webb, senior Phillip Rotich, junior Terence Gadston, and freshman Trevor Donovan, are ranked second in the nation for NAA indoor track.

Webb's goal is to be an All-American on the medley team, where he runs the 800 meters. Rotich runs the 1600, Gadston the 400, and

Donovan runs the 1200.

"We were ranked first in the nation until this week, and we can do it again," said Webb. "We will cross that bridge when we get there."

Two members of the men's team qualified for nationals at the second race at Appalachian State, which was held on Jan. 19. Rotich qualified in the 1600 meter run (the mile) with a time of 4 minutes 14.09 seconds, in which he claimed first place. Webb also qualified in the 800 meter run, with a time of 2:00.73.

As for the women, freshman Rebecca Dixon claimed second place in the mile at Appalachian State, running 5:19.31, qualifying her for nationals as well. Senior Dawn Shatzer came in ninth place in the same race with a time of 5:51.2. She also ran the 5000-meter run with a time of 20:22.19.

The indoor track team will be traveling to Murfreesboro, Tenn. on February 9 to compete in the Middle Tennessee Invitational.

Campus Announcements

January

Thursday, January 31
9:30-11pm
Come join us for Cosmic Bowling hosted by Social Affairs.

Thursday, January 31
SGA will be hosting an SGA Night in the Cafeteria. Come and be served by your class representatives.

Thursday, January 31
10pm
RA Applications for the 2002-2003 school year are available in the Student Development and Student Life Offices. Your last chance to attend the MANDATORY informational meeting is tonight in the SUB Lounge.

Thursday, January 31
4-5pm
Attention Alpha Chi members! Alpha Chi meeting in the SUB lounge. We will be discussing this semester's activities, including the regional convention, scholarship competitions, etc. Please make every effort to be there!

February

Friday, February 1
8pm
Come to our fabulous Movie Night in Hyder Auditorium
Entertainment and food will be provided and guess what? It's absolutely free!

Sunday, February 3
Superbowl Fun! Social Affairs will be hosting the best football party ever in the student lounge. TV coverage will start at 5:30 p.m. in the SUB along with food, beverages, and desserts. The grill will open at 6:30 p.m. as usual and 3 TVs will be set up for fabulous coverage in the SUB.

Saturday, February 3, 2002
Shopping Spree. Please contact Leslie Glover if interested. 461-8981 or email - LBGlover@milligan.edu Fun! Fun! Fun!

Monday, February 11
6pm
If you plan to Student Teach Fall 2002 or Spring 2003, you are urged to attend an information meeting in Hyder Auditorium.

Tuesday, February 12
Don't forget about Sweetheart Extravaganza! Vote for your favorite sweetheart all this week in the cafeteria. Your favorite picks will perform on stage in Seeger.

February 15-17
Family Weekend: Tell your parents and family to make plans to visit campus that weekend for a fun and enjoyable time. More info. is available on the Milligan website and brochures have been mailed to your parents. Team Leader applications are available in the Student Development Office. The apps and reference forms are due back Feb. 8.

March

The Winter Formal has been moved to the first weekend in March. More details will be provided closer to the new date.

Deadlines

If you are interested in participating in on campus interviews with ALDI foods for a management trainee position starting at \$62,000 per year, please submit your resume to Dr. Abner by Feb. 8th at Hardin 203.

Freshmen and Sophmores, the deadline for the first advising session is Feb. 1. Please contact your advisers if you have not already scheduled an appointment.

Pay parking tickets in the Student Development Office before Friday, February 1 at noon to avoid the \$10 penalty.

Sports

If you haven't seen the buffs in action this is a good week to come out. Their next four games are at home.

Thursday, Jan. 31
Milligan vs. Virginia Intermont Women at 5:30 PM
Men at 7:30

Saturday, Feb 2
Milligan vs. Bluefield Women at 2:00 PM
Men at 4:00 PM

Tuesday, Feb 5
Montreat vs. Milligan Women at 5:30 PM
Men at 7:30 PM

Misc. Reminders

Prayer breakfast meets every Friday morning at 7:15 in the cafeteria. We have praise and worship.

"Headquarters for Milligan College Cupids"
Sutton Hall is sponsoring an opportunity to tell that special someone you care. You can purchase carnations and candies to be delivered to your sweetheart's dorm room on Valentine's. Look for more information comming soon. Also, you could WIN A GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR A DINNER FOR TWO TO THE OLIVE GARDENSE and worship, a short devotion, and share any prayer concerns that we have.

Anyone interested in having their photo in the yearbook can submit photos to Amy Vincent or any yearbook staff member. Any questions? Call 8481.

TNT Wellness Tip-Nutrition

When looking for lean cuts of beef, look for the word "loin" (that includes "tenderloin" and "sirloin") or "round" in the name. For lean pork, "loin" is also the key word. The leanest cuts of beef and pork have only a little more fat than skinless chicken breast, and a lot less fat than dark-meat chicken.

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Student e-mail inspires SGA recycling effort

New ambitions were established through an outreach for willing students to contribute to a campus wide recycling project.

Misty Fry
Senior Writer

From a student's email response about wasted paper to the SGA setting up a committee to get a recycling program started, the issue of saving the trees has become a hot topic on Milligan's campus.

Last week, Emily Luetcher, SGA vice president, sent out an email asking for anyone interested in recycling to attend SGA's next meeting while sophomore Jaimie Newsome sent an email saying too much paper is being wasted on campus.

"We're being faced with a forest of wasted paper and it bothers me," said Newsome, in a campus email. "There might be recycling on campus one day, but as for now, do we really need to have events placed under our doors...? Stick them all under the door of Hart 221 and let me take them all to Kroger to be recycled, so I can at least say I'm trying to counteract this madness."

Getting Inspired

Newsome was inspired to write the email after receiving many flyers under her door that wound up in her trashcan. According to Newsome, the extra paper is not necessary, and suggests sending reminders by email instead, to limit unnecessary waste.

"I have been meaning to write an email for awhile," said Newsome. "It just seems so ridiculous...we get all these notices and it bothers me that we have all this extra paper. I'm earth conscious."

Newsome's email sparked campus response, with some students joking and others supporting her in her efforts.

"I feel there needs to be more areas to recycle (the third floor of Hart does it) and that students need to be aware that it's there," said sophomore Michelle Dietz, who responded to Newsome's email.

Issue Discussed

During the SGA meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 5, the issue of recycling was discussed among representatives, and junior Warren McCrickard volunteered to be chairman of the committee to get a recycling program started on campus. McCrickard has a plan.

"I want to try to get a council made up of people who are devoted, so we can plan to get this started next semester," said



Sophomore, Katy Anderson,, contributes to the recycling efforts by dumping a bin of plastic bottles. The SGA recently met to discuss the new emphasis being put on campus wide recycling.

-Photo by Jason Harville

McCrickard. "I don't want to jump in too fast and lose it before we get a hold of it."

Strategy Making

McCrickard's goals include getting devoted people to assist in the planning, decide what to recycle, find routes for the recycling and make available educational material for students who don't know how to recycle.

While some students are excited about getting such a program started, others worry about students losing interest and the program getting out of hand.

"In the past we start these programs doing really good, we have lots of student help and then comes a break or tests or what ever and all of a sudden the student help is gone," said Leonard Beattie in an email. "I do not have the

staff or help needed to continue the program with out the student help so in the summer there will be no program."

Finding recycling home

Despite participating in recycling at his home, Beattie worries that there is not a good facility in which to take the recycled goods, and that in the past goods have had to be stored for days or even weeks before it was hauled away, which resulted in a big mess.

Students such as McCrickard and Newsome acknowledge this problem, and have offered to be responsible for disposing of the recycled items.

"I recycle in my room and don't see that it's a hard thing

Social Learning adds program with Christian emphasis

Alison Waters
Calendar Editor

Based on an idea by Mark Matson, the social learning area is expanding to include a new program called Public Leadership and Service, which will begin Fall 2002 at the earliest.

Matson, the former assistant director for public policy at Duke University, said that the public policy major was the third most popular major there. It was his idea to take this public policy major and include a "more peculiarly Christian emphasis on service."

The goal is to produce "well-rounded, well-grounded graduates," who will lead by example.

"We want people to be prepared to lead," said Bert Allen, professor of psychology.

This program has been in the works for the last two years and has been fully approved by the faculty and the Board of Trustees.

After several drafts, a final proposal was submitted to several non-profit organizations for examination and was considered a well-conceived idea, which would produce graduates with the skills that would be desirable to them.

The program is designed to be a multidisciplinary program, with three separate tracks. All three options include "extensive poverty experience" according to Matson.

According to Allen, the program will incorporate a "potpourri of courses," including classes in Bible, management, accounting, social learning, business and communications.

"The thing that makes it attractive to us," said Allen, "is that we have a fine business program that prepares people for the for-profit world that we decided we wanted to implement a program of similar quality for not-for-profit organizations."

The program is designed to draw new students to the college, not to necessarily draw students away from other academic areas, said Allen.

Matson said that once the program is implemented, students would be permitted to switch over from other academic areas, but would have to be willing to patient and flexible.

Feature

Pop culture invades Seegar Chapel

Greg Wolfe addresses Christianity, arts



Wolfe address the student body during a chapel service Feb. 7. His lecture series was the first sponsored by the Milligan College Institute for Christian Leadership.

-Photo by Jason Harville

John Hampton
Reporter

Christian writer and professor of English at Seattle Pacific University, Greg Wolfe visited Milligan last week for lectures sponsored by the Institute for Christian Leadership.

Wolfe spoke in American Magazine, History of Media, chapel and convocation.

His lectures focused on bringing Christian art and literature to the forefront of social awareness. He hopes to bring to light the current "renaissance of Christian writings and the arts" he sees taking place right now.

His three main lectures, named *Intruding Upon the Timeless*, *Cinderella's Pumpkin*, *Pop Goes the Culture*, spoke directly on the role of imagination in modern Christian culture and art.

Quoting heavily from Flannery O'Conner, Wolfe said imagination is used to bring things together, creating unique art and literature. He said he sees Jesus as "more of a storyteller and artist than a theologian."

"I just want people to see that imagination deepens one's spiritual walk with God," said Wolfe.

Wolfe lives in Washington state with his wife, Suzanne and four children. Wolfe teaches both English and Writing courses and claims the title of "Writer in Residence." He, himself, writes books and co-authors many others with his wife and other writers.

In addition, Wolfe heads up a journal published for Christian artist and writers called *Image*.

Image is a forum for little known Christian artists and writers. The journal publishes artwork and poems among other forms of the literary arts.

Wolfe has his B. A. from Hillside College and his M. A. in English literature from Oxford University. *Image* can be reached for further information at www.imagejournal.org.

"I just want people to see that imagination deepens one's spiritual walk with God."

-Greg Wolf

Eleven Milligan students place in top six percent of national photo contest

Paige Wassel
Reporter

This year, 11 Milligan photography students qualified as finalists in the 22nd annual photography contest, sponsored by *Photographer's Forum* magazine and Nikon, Inc.

"I think it's a special honor for a small school like this to have that many finalists," photography professor Alice Anthony said.

Tim Morton, Beth Pearson, Sara Small, Dinah DeFord, Christian McKay, Lauren Keister, Jason Harville, Jara Henderson, Erin Hogshead, Lesley Jenkins and Aaron Johnston were selected as finalists, Anthony said.

This contest, according to Anthony, is open to college photography students from all over the country, and this year there were 25,000 entries. These students are among six percent of the 25,000 entries that were selected as finalists in the contest, Anthony said.

"I was kind of surprised, but I was excited," Junior Beth Pearson said.

Pearson said it was her first year to participate in the contest, and she entered one picture of "kind of a jazz scene" on Beale Street in Memphis.

Milligan photography students submitted their work for the contest on last November and the finalists were notified at the beginning of January, Anthony said. Anthony has not yet been notified if the finalists from Milligan

have been selected for the first through fourth place awards or honorable mentions, but those names will be sent out on February 15.

The judges of this year's contest were Jeff Atherton, chair of the photography department at Art Center College of Design, Pasadena; Beth Gates Warren, writer, curator and appraiser of photography; and Armando Flores, Nikon Professional Services, Nikon, USA.

Anthony said she became aware of this contest when she was a student at ETSU, and Milligan has been participating for almost 10 years. Each photograph submitted by a student cost around \$3 each.

Anthony said she was "almost overwhelmed" when she was notified of the number of finalists from Milligan this year. She also said that photographers whose work was rejected shouldn't be discouraged.

The Milligan finalists' work will be published in a book along with all the other college finalists. This book displays their work along with their name and the name of their college. Anthony said she hopes to have this book in the library after it is published. Some of these finalists' work can be seen in a Ground Zero exhibit opening February 15 and lasting to March 2. This show will be a display of student works in art and photography.

*Photos of contest winners will be featured in *The Stamped Online* next week.

Featured Engagement



Jenne Burgess and Aaron Littell
My engagement story

About a week before Aaron proposed, he told me that we were going on a "special" date the following Saturday.

When we embarked on this secret date, I was still very perplexed, especially when we arrived at Watauga Lake. One of the picnic tables had been decorated with a tablecloth, candles, china plates and tiki torches on both sides. There was also a large box wrapped in silver in the middle of the table. I opened the box, which was stuffed with silver crinkled gift fill and a note card, that said "Puli." Dangling at the end of the note card was an engagement ring. My mouth dropped open, and Aaron asked me to marry him.

He then played our song, "You're Just too Good to be True" on a CD player that I also had not noticed. At the start of the music, two of my friends who had been hiding in the bushes nearby phoned three more friends who had canoed out to an island in the lake. Upon receiving this call, they promptly began shooting off fireworks.

*For the conclusion of this story see *The Stamped Online*.

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Opinion

Letter to the Editor

After attending convocation, chapel, and a class in which Greg Wolfe was the guest speaker this week, I feel compelled to address some of his comments.

I believe Mr. Wolfe was correct when he said that Christians involved in media and the arts need to get out of the "Christian bookstore subcultures" and into the secular realm where they can have an impact on the lives of non-believers. Certainly he was correct when he said that Christian artists, musicians, and writers need to strive for excellence in their work. However, his proposed alternative was disturbing, to say the least.

Jesus called us to be salt in the world-not of the world. Christians are supposed to be lights that aren't hidden under bushels. We shouldn't water down our message so much that we blur the distinction between Christian and non-Christian. Mr. Wolfe called for Christian musicians to "write songs that don't have 'Jesus' ever third word." I seem to recall Jesus saying

something about his denying before God anyone who wouldn't confess him before men.

I'm not saying Christians should try to sugar-coat all the problems in the world and live in denial of what's going on in the culture around them. But as Christians, we're the ones who have the Good News that the world needs to hear. If that News can be spread through un-watered-down art journals or music or literature, more power to them. But we need to keep in mind- people can live without another fancy art journal in the newsstands- they can't live without Jesus.

-Beth Pearson

If Mr. Wolfe wishes to plant some seeds for the sake of Christ instead of "kicking some [derriere]" for the sake of Greg Wolfe, he's going to have to get some of his saltiness back. We all know what Jesus said un-salty salt is good for.

Beth Pearson

Campus Calendar

May term/summer school: If you need a dorm room for May term or summer school, call (8760) or drop by the Student Development office to leave your info.

The reaffirmation visiting team from SACS/COC will be on our campus from Feb. 24-27. You can review the entire report at <http://www.milligan.edu/SACS> to read a printed copy, visit the library and ask for the copy on reserve.

The Winter Formal has been moved to the first weekend in March. More details will be provided as the new date gets closer.

Cranks Creek Trip: March 22-24 This semester's Cranks Creek Trip is scheduled for March 22-24 and will cost \$25. There will be a required informational meeting either on Thurs. February 28 at 10 PM OR Sun. March 3 PM, both in Sub 7. Bring your money and insurance cards to the meeting.

Yearbook photos: If anyone is interested in having their photo in the yearbook please submit your photos to Amy Vincent or any yearbook staff member. Call 8481 if you have any questions.

Prayer breakfast meets every Friday morning at 7:15 in the cafeteria. We have praise and worship, a short devotion, and share any prayer concerns that we have. Everyone is welcome anytime.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol has designated this as Child Safety Awareness Week.

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Upcoming recitals:

Tuesday, February 19:

There is a student recital in Upper Seeger at 2:10 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26:

There is a student recital in Upper Seeger, at 2:10 p.m. Performing will be cellist Rebekah Abbott and vocalists Rachel Cunningham, Michael Ottinger, Jill Livingston, April Rankin, Cheri Lomison.

The Milligan Music

Honors Recital will be held on Friday, February 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Upper Seeger. Performing will be pianist Rachel Cunningham, sax ophonist Michael Douty, and vocalists Lindsey Holloway, Melissa Parker, Kristofer Reed, and Lauren Webb.

Faculty recital:

There will be a joint faculty recital in Upper Seeger, Friday February 22, at 7:30 p.m. featuring Carlene Eastridge and John Wakefield.

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Scheduling problems force break in 35-year tradition

Paige Wassel
Reporter

For the first time in almost 35 years, Milligan College has decided not to present an annual production of the Christmas dinners.

"This was a joint decision made between the President, John Wakefield, and myself," Professor of Theater Richard Major said.

Each January following a performance of the Christmas dinners, Major said that he meets with President Jeanes and Associate Professor of Music John Wakefield to discuss the previous year's performance and make preliminary plans for next year's dinners. This year, Major said they foresaw scheduling problems for the dinners because, with the 2002-2003 academic calen-

dar, there is only one week and finals after Thanksgiving break.

"In order for the Christmas dinners to be cost effective, we really need to run five nights," Major said.

With next year's academic schedule, Major said it would be difficult to find five performance nights without conflicting with other campus events and student schedules. He went on to say this decision provides for only a temporary suspension of the dinners.

"I think everyone's okay with it," Major said.

According to Wakefield, the music department hopes to provide an alternative program to the dinners.

"In the music department, we do plan to put together a really good, one-hour concert of Christmas

music, mostly familiar tunes, with Concert Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Chamber Singers, Milligan Singers, and soloists," Wakefield said. "We plan to do some very special decorating in the chapel so that the overall effect is quite striking and beautiful."

Major said the theater department still plans to work on a collaborative production in the fall with ETSU, which Major will direct. The tentative dates for this fall play are November 19-23.

Meanwhile, the spring productions of "Labor Pains" and "Baby" are being performed in SUB 7 at 8 p.m. on February 27 and 28, and March 1. Tickets cost \$5 and include a beverage.



Emily Gerard, played by junior Christan McKay, and Robert Gerard, played by senior Adam Meyers, relax on their couch after labor ensues during the comedy "Labor Pains." The show explores the joys, fears and sometimes out of control emotions that come with being first time parents.

-Photo by Jason Harville

New orientation program to take effect for incoming students

Alison Waters
Calendar Editor

Beginning with this year's incoming freshman, accepted students will be encouraged to participate in a new orientation program that will take place in both April and June.

The Student Development Office and the Admissions office have been working together, creating this concept, now being called Connections.

"The decision was a collaborative effort among several areas on campus," said David Mee, Vice President for Enrollment Management. "The student development and admissions offices are working together on this project - including holding several meetings with key offices and personnel across campus who will be involved. We all agreed that it was important for new students to connect earlier with the Milligan community, "...though I think

it is accurate to say that the majority of four-year colleges...host a similar event for incoming students."

Mee said the purpose of this new program is to help students be "best prepared to join the Milligan College community...[by helping them connect] with their new collegiate home much earlier. Students will meet other new students well before their arrival in the fall, [and] will complete their fall course selection with their mentors."

While the admitted students plan their schedules and get acquainted with the Milligan community, parents and other family members participate in sessions designed especially for them.

Mark Fox, dean of students, said that topics include "Letting Your Kids Go to College", financial aid, and things of that nature."

Fox said there is no charge for the prospective incoming student, but that each

additional family member will be charged a minimal fee of \$25, which includes their meals. The students will with their parents.

"We believe that students will be best prepared to join the Milligan College community when they have an opportunity to connect with their new collegiate home much earlier," said Mee.

In a letter that was sent to the prospective students announcing this new program, it says, "parents will have special sessions designed to address their needs and concerns."

The admitted students will meet with their advisors and plan their schedule for the fall, as well as meeting both current and new students.

"We think it will be another step toward solidifying their decision, connecting more quickly to the college, and having a better experience when they arrive in the fall."

**-Mark Fox,
dean of students**

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Feature

Milligan strives to obtain SACS/COC accreditation

John R. Hampton

Reporter

This week, the South Association of Colleges and Schools/ Commission of Colleges will be reviewing Milligan's accreditation.

SACS/COC concerns itself with this region's schools and if the requirements to receive accreditation.

This is done every 10 years and 2002 is Milligan's 10th year. The requirements for accreditation number well over 400 individual criteria.

During its stay, the SACS committee will be doing an exhaustive study of the college's many areas of study. These areas include a review of Milligan's academic program, its faculty, student life, athletic programs, finances, safety procedures, alumni relations and maintenance operations.

During the stay of the committee the Fireside Lounge, the SGA Conference Room, the Admission Conference Room, Hardin 101, and Derthick 105 will be unavailable for regular use.

Milligan is required to prepare a report for the SACS committee, which all full-time faculty have been working to complete, along with several students, alumni and trustees. The report has been published and is available both online and in print.

Leading the staff in this endeavor has been Dr. Pat

Magness, director of self-study and Chair of the Steering Committee for this project.

"I anticipate a very enjoyable visit. I have already met our committee chair, and she is a wonderful person who is committed to excellence in education," said Magness.

In addition to Magness, other members of the Milligan College staff took key positions in the process of getting the school ready for the SACS/COC visit. Together with their staffs, these professors and staff members worked in different areas on Milligan's behalf.

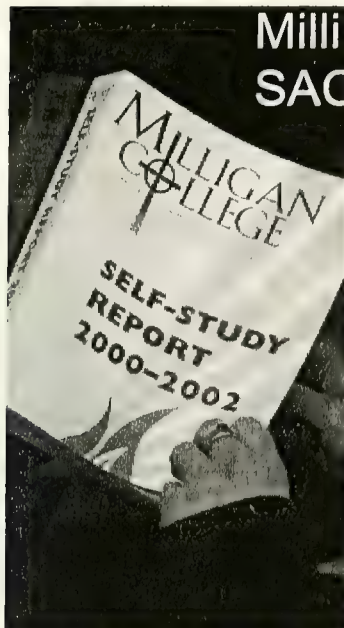
Both Dr. Chris Heard and Dr. Craig Farmer worked on the format of the documentation Milligan needed for the visit while Farmer also worked to edit the report, getting it ready for the Dec. 1 deadline.

The Committee Chair Faculty included Mark Peacock, Chris Heard, R. David Roberts, Jack Knowles, Susan Higgins and Nancy Rogers. These members chaired various committees that worked together to evaluate and create analysis of each area of the Milligan Campus.

The visit is planned for Feb. 24-27 so SACS/COC committee members can check the validity of Milligan's claims in the report.

Students are encouraged by the Milligan Administration to aid the committee in any possible way. In a press report, Magness said, "They will be eating in the cafeteria on Monday and Tuesday, where they will want to visit with students." This proved to be true. Many students shared a meal with SACS representatives Mon. and Tues.

Students were asked questions about campus life and their overall feelings toward Milligan in order for the committee to add comments to their report.



Milligan faculty and staff have been creating the Self-study Report for over two years.

- Photo by Jason Harville

New orientation program cont.

"We think it will be another step toward solidifying their decision, connecting more quickly to the college, and having a better experience when they arrive in the fall," said Fox.

The plans for the August activities are still being planned, said Fox, probably some larger group activities. Team leaders will still be a part

of the new students' overall orientation to campus-though their work will primarily be during the arrival of the entire new class in August.

"We hope to provide information earlier for each new student, while helping them feel a part of this college community much earlier."

- David Mee

while helping them feel a part of this college community much earlier," said Mee. "We are excited about the positive impact this is likely to have on each student's transition to Milligan and college life."

Two dates have been scheduled, April 19-20 and June 7-8.

"There is no distinction between the two [dates] - we are offering two dates in order to allow the participation of as many new students as possible," said Mee.

Connections is not mandatory, but is strongly recommended for all admitted students.

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Sports

Softball season opens with double-header

Alison Waters
Calendar Editor

On Thursday, Feb. 21, Milligan's softball team made its 2002 debut in a doubleheader against Tusculum College, resulting in a win for each team. The women's stron start set positive expectations for the rest of this season.

Freshman pitcher Brandi Waddle made her premier appearance with a fine performance in the first game.

Waddle pitched a complete game allowing only three runs on five hits. She struck out five and walked only one. She also led the Lady Buffs with two hits in three at-bats. She knocked in two runs and scored one to help the Lady Buffs take their first win of the season.

Sophomore Shelby Banion had two hits and junior Andrea Henriott was 2-4 with two doubles.

"In the first game we did a good job executing plays," said junior Ashley Fine. "We focused on winning the inning."

Junior Ashley Fine pitched the complete second game, striking out three and walking only one. Three runs were earned off of eight allowed hits. The Buffs had four errors in the second game.

Sophomore Rachel Peterson hit her first homerun of the season and Henriott led the Buffs with two hits. Rachel Peterson hit her first homerun of the season for the only run of the game for the Lady Buffs.

"In the second game, the difference was our hitting," said Fine.

The softball team will play again Sat., Mar. 2 at home against Brevard at 1p.m. and Mon., Mar 4 at home against Lees McRae.

Basketball seasons end with AAC Tournament



Freshman, Craig Emmert rebounds in Wednesday's tournament against Virginia Intermont. Both the men's and women's teams finished their seasons Thursday night of the AAC Tournament

-Photo by Jason Harville

Annie Tipton
Reporter

The Men's and Women's Basketball teams began their AAC tournament in top form last Wednesday at Virginia High in Bristol, VA.

The women started the evening off with a win over UVA-Wise 54 to 40.

Freshman Ginny White led scoring with 12 points and shot 50% from the field. The Lady Buffs out-rebounded Wise 37-31 and held them to only nine points in the second half.

"We knew Wise had a chance to beat us, so we couldn't be over-confident," said Sophomore Joy Clark.

"We were a little nervous going out, but we played strong."

"We were a little nervous going out, but we played strong"

-Joy Clark

The men started strong as weel by defeating Virginia Intermont in overtime with a score of 88-80 on Wednesday.

Sophomore Michael Morrell led scoring with 22 points. Fifteen of Morrell's points came from three pointers. The Buffs outscored Virginia Intermont 19-11 in overtime.

Both Milligan teams finished out their seasons on Thursday with losses to Covenant and Bluefield.

The Lady Buffs lost 59-68 to Covenant to finish their season with 12 wins and 20 losses.

The Men's team lost 59-80 to Bluefield to finish their season with 11 wins and 20 losses.

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Women's B-ball Men's B-ball

February 21
Buffs-59
Covenant-68

February 21
Buffs-56
Bluefield-80

Milligan baseball team splits double-header

Lesley Jenkins
Reporter

Milligan College's baseball team split a double-header Tuesday in Hickory, NC with Lenoir-Rhyne, winning the first game 10-7 and losing the second game 10-6.

Starting off

In the first game, Milligan was lead by the solo homerun of Jeremy Christian and by his sacrifice fly in the eighth inning to put the Buffs ahead.

Personal Stats

Freshman Dustin Price picked up three hits and a couple of RBIs in the opener for the Buffs. Scott Shealy went 3-4 with two

runs, and Brad Hitch had a pair of hits.

Josh Ramsey's first win of the season (1-1) came with three innings of relief.

Second try

In the second game, the Buffs couldn't overcome the seven runs scored in the first two innings by Lenoir-Rhyne Bears before the darkness called the game to completion.

The Buffs offense put out a valiant effort as they closed the deficit from early in the game. Dustin Price contributed a homerun, and Scott Shealy brought in three runs in the top of the second with a double.

Milligan (2-7) goes on the road this weekend to North Georgia for a four game series starting Friday.

Ads

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Above: Baby, played by senior Hannar Carson struggles with Boyfriend freshman Josiah Potter over his wallet. Lending a hand are Babysitter freshman Melanie Veasy, and Coach, freshman Jonathan Hall



Left: Carson is "ready for flight" when kooky Unc Adam Barras takes her for a spin

-Photos by Jason Harville

Campus Calendar

Winter Formal

"Waiting for Tonight"

Tickets are on sale in the cafeteria Monday-Friday for the Winter Formal "Waiting for Tonight" which is being held this Friday night from 8 pm to 1 am at the Garden Plaza Hotel. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

Crossroads Christian Church

Crossroads Christian Church in Gray is looking for childcare workers on Easter Sunday. Depending on where you work, payment will be \$10-\$15. If you are interested, contact Tempa Bader at 477-2229 ext. 13 before spring break. Be sure to leave your name, dorm name and room number, and phone number.

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SGA executive council swears-in new members

Students and members of SGA celebrated the election of the new executive council with pizza and cake in Sub 7 after results were received Tuesday.

Misty Fry

Senior Writer

In the festive atmosphere of the SGA party in Sub 7, Tony Jones and Jason Harville were announced as the new SGA president and vice president on Tuesday night, winning the political race of that morning's convocation.

Cheerful Voters

Still clutching their red plastic cups from a toast to SGA's old era, students cheered as the new executive council members were named and took their oaths.

"I felt the student's needed to be represented and Tony and I were a good combination to do that," said Harville.

Joining Jones and Harville are freshman Jacqui Patterson as secretary and junior Amanda Diefendorf as treasurer. Diefendorf won as a write-in after being mentioned by Jones during questioning in the election convocation.

Receiving the Votes

After a week of witty campaigning with sidewalk chalk, posters and potato chips, Jones claimed the presidency with over 300 votes.

As given in his speech in convocation Tuesday morning, Jones lists three areas that will be SGA's central focus. This includes listening to ideas from those who ran against Jones and Harville with their own ideas for next years changes and improvements.

"Three of my goals are to hear Dave [Guyer's] and Adam [Kneisley's] ideas on spiritual life and implement them into our program," said Jones. "I also want to move forward with recycling and have student work displayed throughout campus."

Making the Budget

Jones also wants to take the extra money from the student activity fee next year to increase the budget for the clubs and activities that were cut this past year, make a line in the budget for recycling and also support service activities on and off campus. The way this money will be spent next year proved to be a big topic during this weeks election process.

"I would also like to be a good example by the ways I



Juniors Tony Jones and Jason Harville celebrate after being elected for President and Vice President during Tuesday's executive council election. Jones and Harville campaigned together last week with posters, sidewalk chalk, and Jones' potato chips.

-Photo by Andrew Hopper

choose to spend my time and the activities I do," said Jones.

Harville says that through his experiences on SGA, he has learned that communication with the students is an important key to success. "My main goal is to be able to come out of the town meeting with a more positive feedback from the student, with nothing about the students not being represented," said Harville. "I don't want SGA just to be known by the president. Promoting a community is the overall goal."

Feed Back from Faculty

Julie Ray, director of student life, was pleased with the response of the voting and thought the students had a good venue in which to make their voice heard.

"I was very pleased with today," said Ray. "I felt like the student's listened well and took the process seriously. I feel like the decision really was the will of the students, and that's what I am excited about."

Faculty votes to eliminate minor for graduation requirement

Jennifer Soucie

Online Editor

New students this fall will have the option of graduating without a minor.

Current students wishing to follow the new guidelines must align their entire academic curriculum with the 2002-2003 catalog.

After being tabled twice and on the books since October, the motion passed at the March 20 faculty meeting. The decision will not be official until the Board of Trustees approves the catalog change.

Opting Not to Change

An undeclared major, freshman Leslie Mitchell will not adopt the option of graduating without a minor.

"There are a lot of things I'm interested in," said Mitchell. "Minoring would give me broader opportunities for a career."

Students wishing to pursue a minor will still be allowed that option. Degree programs that require a specific major/minor combination will remain unchanged.

Always an Exception

Registrar Sue Skidmore said the biology major is the only program that requires a specific minor. She said students are required to take 20 hours of chemistry hours, constituting a minor.

Theodore Thomas, associate professor of humanities, history, and German, supports the decision. He said that being a liberal arts college, Milligan can now allow students to branch out and study subjects in different fields to broaden their worlds.

After discussion among faculty members, the new policy will be formally reviewed for effectiveness a few years after implementation.

Feature

Milligan inducts 12 charter members into National Honor Society of Psychology

Christan McKay
Editor-in-chief

Milligan joined more than 970 colleges and universities across the country with chapters of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, as it inducted 12 charter members at a ceremony on March 19.

"Psychology students who join will become part of a nationally recognized honor society," said Joy Drinnon, assistant professor of psychology and the group's advisor. "This will enhance their professional credentials and improve their chances of being accepted to graduate school."

Students inducted in the ceremony were Jennifer Burgess, Kathy Dowda, Michael Heim, Erin Hogshead, Meggan Juhl, John Lawson, Jessica Moore, Mary Moore, Joshua Porter, Jonathan Powell, Kristen Speak and Stephanie Troyer.

In order to qualify for the group, students must have completed three semesters of college courses and nine hours of psychology. They must rank in the upper 35 percent of their class and maintain high standards of personal behavior.

Psi Chi was founded in 1929 at the ninth International Congress of Psychology

at Yale, said Otto Zinsen, faculty advisor of the ETSU chapter of Psi Chi.

Zinsen said the aims of the group include developing the mind, in scholarship and the hands, in fellowship and in research.

Psi Chi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society. Drinnon said that Milligan has been planning to start a chapter since 1999, but did not become eligible until fall 2001.

"We had to provide general information about our college, such as the mission, the types of degrees awarded, enrollment, number of full-time faculty, etc.," said Drinnon. "We also had to provide very specific information about our psychology program, such as what courses we offered, the credentials of our faculty, the number of psychology majors and minors, etc."

Junior psychology major Kristen Speak said she was interested in joining the group to have a greater understanding of her field of study.

"It's a way to further my education in psychology and will help me later in career planning," said Speak.



Above: Newly inducted members of Psi Chi pose with the group's charter after the ceremony on March 19.

Right: Junior psychology major Kristen Speak receives a certificate of membership from faculty sponsor Joy Drinnon.

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Interviewing process begins for Oosting, Hopwood scholarships

Paige Wassel
Reporter

A scholarship committee began interviewing potential candidates on March 4 for the Oosting and Hopwood Scholarships, the two major academic scholarships awarded at Milligan.

"The Oosting Scholarship is Milligan's top academic scholarship," David Mee, vice president for enrollment management said. "It covers about 95 percent of the current direct expenses."

Only one incoming freshman may receive this scholarship, which is funded primarily by the foundation that supports Milligan, Mee said.

The Hopwood scholarships are given to two or three incoming freshman and cover around "50 percent of the current direct expense," Mee said.

The scholarship committee considers admitted applicants for the Oosting and Hopwood scholarships who are at the top of their graduating classes and are rank in the top 2-3 percent nationally in ACT and/or SAT I scores.

This year, 22 of these applicants were asked to respond to two essay questions. Five were selected to visit Milligan for interviews.

The recipients of the Oosting and Hopwood Scholarships should be ultimately determined by May 1, depending on whether the students offered the scholarships decide to attend Milligan.

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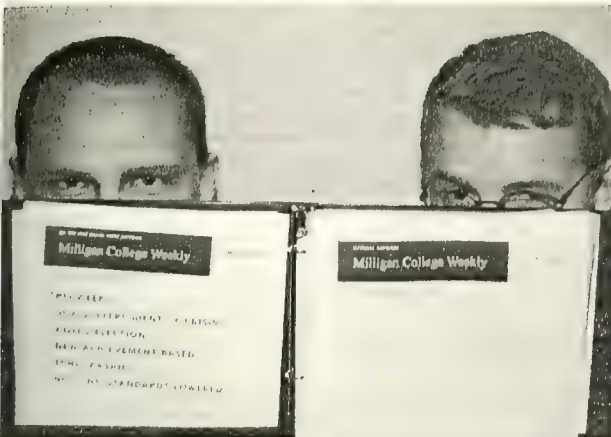
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Feature

Underground newspaper reveals identity



Above: John Hampton (left) and Jason Reed (right) hide behind an issue in progress of the Milligan College Weekly, which recently became an official Milligan College organization. "This is a purely fictional and humorous paper, and in no way is it meant to be competition for the college's Stampede, which is clearly outlined in the objectives and goals that we submitted to SGA to be come an official student organization," said Hampton, who is also a reporter for The Stampede

-Photo by Jason Harville

Alison Waters
Calendar Editor

The formerly anonymous tabloid known as The Milligan College Weekly became an official student organization of Milligan College March 6.

"It began as an effort between John Hampton and myself," said Jason Reed. "We just think like that...we'd be making up those stories even if we didn't print them."

In addition to Reed, a junior computer science major from Virginia and Hampton, a freshman journalism major from Illinois, the staff added junior Aaron Akins as the webmaster. As an official organization, there are four members, one of which still wishes to remain anonymous. Bruce Montgomery, professor of communications, serves as the faculty advisor for The Weekly.

Hampton said they were told that as an official student organization, The Weekly

will be able to have a connection with the school, not a separate entity.

Originally anonymous, Hampton and Reed say "it's just to make people laugh, not to get any kind of recognition. We just like to write funny stories." Each issue features a disclaimer. It is "not meant to be factual. Any facts or actual quotes are purely coincidental."

"It's just to make people laugh, not to get any kind of recognition."

-John Hampton, freshman

Each week the group spends \$12-13 for 100-150 copies. One thing The Weekly staff hoped to gain by becoming an official organization was funding for copies or use of a laser copier on campus. Before The Weekly

gained official status, the funding came from the pockets of the writers with the exception of one student's donation by Tony "Llama" Stanton.

"The Weekly" staff aims to produce an issue for each Thursday chapel day. Issues can usually be found outside the cafeteria and in other various places around campus. There are also plans in the works for an online version.

Unique student adoption piece of history

Alison Waters
Calendar Editor

On April 3, 1975, President Gerald Ford announced that a reluctant South Vietnamese agreement had been reached and that a mission called Operation Babylift would take place, flying an estimated 70,000 orphans from Vietnam.

A special foreign aid children's fund provided \$2 million for this project, and 30 planes were scheduled to evacuate babies and children from the crumbling country.

The number of Vietnamese children adopted in the United States and other places rose incredibly with the beginning of Operation Babylift. Even though the mission was controversial, the children received were welcomed upon arrival. When Americans received word about children available for adoption, a great outpouring of prospective parents applied.

Vietnamese birth certificate is his name and his birthday. He knows nothing about his biological parents.

Back in 1975, Edward and Claire Blackburn of the United States investigated the possibility of adoption. They saw pictures of the children available and choose the child they would raise as their own.

From the beginning, Blackburn's parents were very open with their children. "They never withheld anything," said Blackburn.

However, he feels as though he and his sister have been totally Americanized.

"I think it's really hard to grasp the Vietnam War unless you were there," he said. "I was really too young to understand."

Adopted children often feel the need to discover their birth parents and their own personal and biological histories. The older the child at the time of adoption, the greater the need.

"Finding my real parents would be pretty much impossible...plus I would have no idea where to start," said Blackburn. "I view my [adopted] parents as my real parents; they have raised me from a baby."

After high school, Blackburn attended a local community college but never completed a degree. He took many odd jobs, including working on a fishing boat, as a contractor, at a bank, a recording studio and then with a film company.

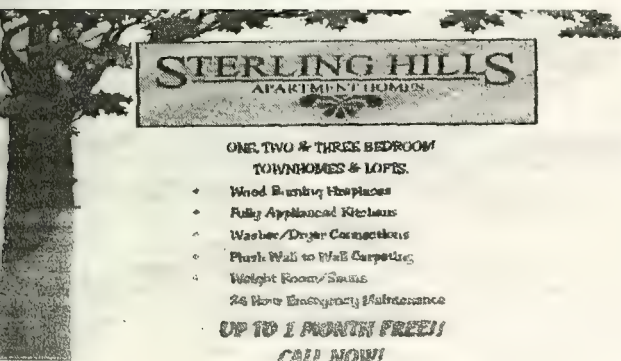
Unsure of what he wanted to do, he called his good friend Marc Marshall, student and resident director of Webb Hall. Marshall suggested he go back to school.

"It was a real leap of faith to get here," said Blackburn, "but I am happy about the possibilities."

One such child was Tran Taun Mai, known to the Milligan community as Eric Duane Blackburn. Blackburn transferred in this semester from California and will soon become a psychology major.

Blackburn was born on the Me Kong Delta of Vietnam on January 31, 1975 and was airlifted approximately 3-4 months later. The only information on his





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John Hampton
Reporter

"Dear Students, after much thought and prayer...I have decided to reply to this e-mail sent to the entire school..."

**-Josiah Potter,
freshman**

uproar.

Normally, the mass e-mail capabilities of

Mass e-mails sweep Milligan

"Milligan Smoker" promotes "smoking fellowship," triggers chain reaction of mass emails

the programs are used for such things as lost items found or a student in need of a ride. However, lately the system has become a forum for students to voice opinions and start debates.

In one e-mail sent to the student body en masse from an unnamed source, an unknown sender calling him or herself the "Milligan Smoker" invited Milligan students to join a group of cigar smokers in a late-night cigar meeting.

Other mass e-mails range from political suggestions to the decrying of mass e-mails themselves.

"Dear Students, after much thought and prayer...I have decided to reply to this e-mail sent to the entire school," starts freshman

Josiah Potter, one of the most vocal students responding to the "Milligan Smoker."

In his e-mail, Potter goes on to call the person who sent the e-mail anonymously a "coward" for not signing his or her name.

Tuesday afternoon, Mark Nester, information technology support manager, re-released the official statement on the use of school computers and resources via e-mail.

Among restrictions set out by the college, the policy names, "Using mail or messaging services to harass, offend, or intimidate another person, for example, by broadcasting unsolicited messages."

Mike Smith, director of the IT department, could not be reached for further comment due to extenuating circumstances.

Marc Marshall leaves Webb

John Hampton
Reporter

Webb Hall resident director Marc Marshall and his wife, Ariana, will leave the dormitory with new management on August 1.

Marshall said he was leaving "because it's my senior year and because of the career I'm going into."

Marc informed Director of Student Life Julie Ray of his decision on Monday, March 18.

"We prayed about it during break and there was just this sense of peace," said Marshall.

He will be pursuing a career in federal agencies. He said he wants to take next year to focus on his upcoming job due to the large amounts of testing required. Marshall said he would like to also take care of his family and between family and career, he would not be able to take care of the dorm in the manner he would like to.

"It was a real tough decision for my wife and I," said Marshall. "We prayed about it for a month and a half. We weighed the pros and the cons...I'm really going to miss the pros."

Milligan College administration is undergoing a search for a new resident director. Ray advertised the opening at Emmanuel School of Religion.

Whoever fills Marshall's spot, will find a groundwork already laid.

"I think I've laid down a pretty good foundation for him," said Marshall about his replacement. "I have tons of folders and files and brochures for him. I hope to be able to pass on what I got this year to him. When I came in, there was nothing here except that I had 6 RA's."

During his year-long stay as resident director, Marshall invested the funds Webb is allocated annually, nearly \$900. He refurbished the gaming room, bought new vacuum cleaners and gave room inspection awards using the money.

Marshall also helped found the Webb Dorm Council. This council of volunteers makes decisions for the entire dorm. The RD worked this year to foster community in Webb.

"We've made little steps, not giant steps, but a lot of little steps," said Marshall. "We have communities throughout Webb, like third floor or second, and I'd really like to see a unified dorm, but I'm glad of what's gone on so far."

Marshall wishes to thank the men of Webb for a great year and extend special gratitude to the RA's.

"I've appreciated all the support when it was rough," said Marshall. "I've enjoyed the time I've had to share my Christian life with the men of Webb. Even though I'm leaving, I'll still be involved. I look forward to relationship building and friendships."



Marc and Ariana Marshall current resident directors of Webb Hall will resign the position after this semester. Marshall helped found Webb Dorm Council which helped to unify the dorm.

Photo by Jason Harville.

Feature

Administration examines options, consequences of dorm cable television

Alison Waters
Calendar Editor

During the recent SGA elections, students were made aware of the possibility of having cable television available in the dorms.

According to Julie Ray, director of student life, the administration has been slowly investigating the possibility of a new phone service that would include options such as voicemail. If this becomes a reality, there is also the consideration of including cable TV to the dorms.

Colleges around the country offer cable for students in the dorms, Ray said.

"Are those colleges the kind of colleges we are trying to emulate?" said Ray. "We're trying really hard for community here...that would be just one more thing to keep people in their rooms, and I'm concerned about that."

Some students are concerned about the academic affects of cable in the dorm.

"What I'd say is, put cable TV into Webb, and you'll see the GPAs of students - especially guys - drop right through the floor," said junior Aaron Akins, a member of the Webb Hall dorm council.

Christy Lewis, junior resident assistant in Hart Hall, does not consider it a threat to academic life.

"I think, theoretically, that grades could plummet, but no more than a beautiful spring day decreases class attendance," said Lewis.

Mark Fox, vice president of student development, said some people don't seem to care either way but there is definitely more interest from male students.

Rachel Ledbetter, a sophomore member of the Hart Hall dorm council, says that personally she could see the money going toward something more useful.

"There's no way that I would want it, because I'm not big on TV watching," said Ledbetter. "I'm not going to quit coming to school because of it, but I'd rather not spend the extra money."

As for paying for the cable, Fox says there would obviously be some charge.

"We're currently evaluating all the social and academic issues" Fox said. "There is a whole cluster of issues [to consider]. 'Right now we're evaluating, determining the expense, and trying to determine if there are other uses that can be utilized.'"

In MSA, the A-Frame, and the upper-classmen dorms, cable is already an option. Getting into these residences, however, is a privilege and reward for good grades.

"If you have the incentive to get out of Webb [by bringing up your grades] then you get the option, sort of as a perk," said Dave Gibbons, president of Webb's dorm council.

Over thirty aspiring actors find a place on stage

Paige Wassel
Reporter

On April 3, 34 aspiring young actors and actresses gathered in Wilson Auditorium to audition for the 16th Annual One Act Festival.

After filling out audition forms, these students were split into groups of three or four and were sent to Derthick Hall where each group had a chance to audition for the eight one-act plays and one short film.

"I think it went really smoothly," Suzy Bomgardner said. "I was kind of nervous because it's my first time being a director."

After much discussion, the directors posted the cast lists by 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 4. All 34 students received a part.

"There are a lot of good people out there and making choices between people that are all so good is a hard task," Michele Dietz said.

In this year's festival, David Ives' "Variations on the Death of Trotsky," "Words, Words, Words" and "The Philadelphia," will be directed by Chesa Gonzales, Suzy Bomgardner and Hannah Carson, respectively. Adam Meyers will direct, "I Wandered Lonely," Michele Dietz will direct "Death of a Legend," Christian McKay will direct "Ferris Wheel," Anna Johnson will



Senior, Adam Meyers (standing) gives stage directions to junior Kristen Kerviel (middle) and sophomore Eric Blackburn (front). Meyers will be directing his first one act for Milligan.

-Photo by Jason Harville

direct "Love and Peace, Mary Jo" and Jenny Trivett will direct "Cameras." Warren McCrickard will direct the short film "That's Me in the Corner."

This year's festival will be presented on April 29, 30 and May 1 and 3.

Registration process changes to eliminate frustrations

Courtney Siber
Reporter

The headaches, the wild frenzy of fighting for popular classes and cutting into closed classes are all part of the Milligan College registration process.

Students can be seen running from the Faculty Office Building to Derthick, back to the FOB and then back to Derthick again, with a quick stop to the Business Office, all the while shuffling through registration papers and leafing through the college catalog.

"I dreaded registering for Humanities and Bible classes my freshman and sophomore years," said Phillip Brock, a junior echoing the shared sentiment of upperclassmen. "It would have been nice if there were a simpler way to do it."

The Registrar's office took the student's frustration into consideration and implemented a new method of registration for this Spring's pre-registration which started April 4.

"The goal is to have the student assured on the spot that they have the class they registered for," said Sue Skidmore, registrar.

The idea started with Stacy Tramel, associate registrar. She thought it would be easier for everyone if, when a student hands in a registration card, the Registrar worker

would enter it directly into the computer so that everyone will know immediately if there is a full class or a time conflict and so forth.

"We had some problems with the old way with the notebooks, and with heavy traffic and we had to make a lot of calls for full classes," said Tramel. "So I thought that this way would be easier for everyone."

The new process requires the student to wait a few minutes longer for the

Registrar worker to put the scheduling information into the computer program directly, but it benefits everyone because it allows the schedule to come up automatically. It quickly computes whether classes full, any time conflicts and any other minor details in scheduling.

The old process was quick for the student to turn in the registration card but very tedious for the registrar worker and left the student still wondering if they got into the popular classes.

"With the new system, the students can see the schedule on the computer and they are accountable for their scheduling problems and we can quickly change it," said Misty Fry, a student worker.

"We are a little concerned with the computers acting up, but so far there hasn't been a problem," said Tramel.

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Feature

Newly elected SGA President, Vice President learn from past Milligan leaders

isty Fry

Senior Writer

SGA Vice President Jason Harville said he has learned from past SGA presidents – he wants to walk the middle line in leading student government, being neither too somber nor too lax.

"SGA needs reevaluating of how we're doing things too loosely," Harville said. "From the attendance of members of SGA to the responsibilities that they had and have, basically we want to get SGA members more involved."

Though President Tony Jones declined to comment on how his leadership would be distinct from the past president's, he says his goal is to hear the students and work with the problems and issues they raise.

"I'm going to make sure I'm where the students are to hear things that they are talking about," Jones said. "It's important for fellow students to voice what they think."

However, Jones realizes that often students do not voice what they think to SGA. He said he realizes that many students are apathetic toward the role of student government on campus.

"I don't think any student knows what they want out of SGA, it will never be enough, or be the right things," Jones said.

"The goal is at the end of the year to look back and know we did the best we could do, whether people recognize that or not."

Despite the fact he observes this attitude, Jones still approaches his presidency as a position in which he can actively seek out student voices.

He sees his new role as a way to be the mediator between the students and other leaders on campus, and he wants to use his position to bridge the communication gap.

"[SGA is] a centralized group students can go to to get things accomplished," Jones said. "Because of our positions, we have contacts the average student might not have."

Similarly, Harville wants SGA meetings to be a place where students struggle over solutions to campus problems.

"I want SGA to be more than an organization that says you can have \$200 or you can't," he said. "I also want to give students time to talk over their problems, even if this involves a few weeks."

In addition, Jones and Harville plan to continue the Make a Difference Award and give more money to L.I.N.C. and other volunteer programs. They want to make the class presidents more involved by them plan service activities off of Milligan's campus.

They also want to foster spiritual growth by including a spiritual element to all aspects of campus life. Jones and Harville suggest adding a spiritual element to dorm meetings and having the resident assistants put Bible verses on their doors.

Though Jones and Harville plan to continue to build upon the foundation laid by the last cabinet, Harville said he also wants to improve on previous mistakes.

"I want SGA to be more than an organization that says you can have \$200 or you can't."

-Jason Harville,
SGA Vice President

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Lady Buffs battle for top position

Lesley Jenkins

Reporter

The Lady Buffs softball team is heading toward the end of the season with power and determination to win first place in the conference tournament.

Sunday, the Buffs and UVA-Wise handed each other a win when they split the doubleheader. The Lady Buffs played hard and lost the first game in extra innings with a score of 3-2. They won the second game 2-1.

The Lady Buffs traveled to Brevard College in NC on Monday. Milligan won the first game 7-2. Brandy Waddle chalked another win on her pitching career for Milligan. Ashley Fine pitched for the buffs in the second game. They lady buffs went on to win that game 8-3.

After these latest games the buffs are 12-3 in the conference and 13-9 overall. Milligan would be in first place in the conference, but due to the low number of conference games that UVA-Wise and Montreat College have played, the buffs are lower in the ranking.

Junior Rebecca Dawson said, "Nobody's played the same amount of games, so anyone could still win the conference. But I think we have a great shot at winning the conference title."

Baseball team beats UVA Wise

Freshman, Dustin Price slides in safe to second base in last weekends game against UVA Wise. The mens baseball team won their doubleheader against Wise 5-0 and 3-2. The team will play again today at home against Mars Hill at 1 p.m.



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Features

Students to present academic papers at Blue Ridge Convention

Jennifer Soucie
Web Administrator

Milligan students will present academic papers at the ninth annual Blue Ridge Convention on April 12.

Several hundred students nominated by faculty members for outstanding work are invited to the convention to read their papers in a group setting.

"I'm presenting because it is a low-stress opportunity to present a paper," Gina Holtman, a senior history and communications major, said. "I can put the experience on my grad school application."

Craig Farmer directed the conference several years ago.

"It's a potential launching pad for students who may be interested in graduate school...to beef up their resume and it

shows them the world of academics at a level they don't normally see," he said.

Papers cover the natural, behavioral and social sciences and humanities, fine arts and education. Each student will receive a bound program that includes each abstract as proof of their presentation.

"It's something

"It's a political launching pad for students who may be interested in graduate school...to beef up their resume and it shows them the world of academics at a level they don't normally see"

-Craig Farmer

Milligan will probably host the conference in 2003 and 2004, said Theodore Thomas, who is helping with this year's conference. He said the conference evolves each year and continues because of its benefits for students.

Newly elected continued

"[Former SGA President George Keralis] was a serious individual—almost to the extreme of serious. [Former SGA President Nevan Hooker] has gone 180 degree in the opposite direction," he said. "[President Tony Jones] and I want to be not completely strict, but not so free we can't put our foot down."

Registration process continued

The computer software, which the Registrar's Office bought and installed in 1998, cost the school over a half million dollars. They implemented the system, which is called PowerCAMPUS, in the summer of 1999.

Skidmore and other faculty were introduced to the computer system when they visited other colleges and universities.

"We found them to work well in these other schools so decided to use them ourselves," said Skidmore.

The Registrar's main reason in implementing this new procedure is to make the process of registering easier for the student.

The ultimate goal for the future is to have registration take place online through a website link.

"We would like to improve and eventually go online but we have to take it a small piece at a time," said Skidmore.

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Film, digital media emphases added as communications option

Paige Wassel

Reporter

The communications major at Milligan College is expanding its options for students with new film studies and digital media studies emphases.

The Film Emphasis

The film studies emphasis becomes an option to communications students in Fall 2002, Assistant Professor of Communications Ken Suit said. It was approved Spring 2002.

Within this emphasis, several new courses have been added including Film and Television Aesthetics, Screenwriting, Documentary Film History, Animated Film History, Film and Television Criticism, Cinematography and a Senior Film Workshop, Suit said.

"We are trying to prepare film students to work within the film industry, either in New York or Los Angeles," Suit said. "Alternatively, students could pursue a career in independent film production or film education."

Sophomore Warren McCrickard said, "I hope that graduating with a film studies emphasis and a broadcasting emphasis that I can be successful and have an abundant amount of knowledge that will help me get a great job in Hollywood."

Creating a Foundation

Suit said that students would need a higher degree to pursue the last two options, but the courses offered here would provide a "good foundation" for graduate school. He said the curriculum provides well-rounded basis of film study in history theory and production.

"This is very rare at an undergraduate institution like Milligan," Suit said. "Many, if not most, larger universities do not even offer the breadth of film courses we do."

Milligan hopes to expand the film pro-

gram later to include the production of short films in fiction, documentary and animation genres to enter in student film festivals, Suit said. He said this would help give the students practical

able to communications students next semester, Fall 2002.

With the addition of this emphasis, the classes Multimedia Production I: History, Theory and Management and Multimedia Production II: Design and Production have been added and will be taught by Steffey.

She said other courses have been restructured for broadcast and film studies students as well.

Need to Remodel

Steffey said the department has plans to "reconfigure" the upstairs of the Paxson Communications Building to make room for a multimedia lab that would have some "high end PC workstations" and a few Macintosh systems.

"The need to begin an emphasis like this has been something that I have been thinking about for some time," Steffey said. "After much research and the completion of my doctoral degree, I have now made the time to pursue and recommend such an emphasis."

Requirements

The need for a digital emphasis was partially motivated by the Federal Communications Commission's mandate that all programming in broadcasting be digital by 2006, Professor of Theater Richard Major said.

"Milligan, in order to keep up with the demands of the marketplace, must either respond or cease to offer this emphasis/track of study," Major said.

Major said that the integration of this emphasis into Milligan's curriculum would take place "over a series of budget years."



Senior, Paul Hobbs edits video project for Carrie Steffey's video class. Hobbs is currently pursuing a career in television or film production.

-Photo by Jason Harville

experience and improve the communications and fine arts programs at Milligan.

"Our goal in doing this is to place students within the industry or within academia, so that a Christian perspective is better communicated through cinema," Suit said.

The Digital Emphasis

Assistant Professor of Communications Carrie Steffey said the digital media studies emphasis was approved during the April 8 Academic Committee meeting and will be avail-

Arts provide end of year activities

Paige Wassel

Reporter

In the next few weeks, the fine arts calendar is full of activities for students to attend. Here's a preview of the schedule:

April 21-27: Fine Arts Show: Senior Sarah Small's photography exhibit, "Sunshine and Daydreams" is on display in Ground Zero.

April 27-28: Milligan's Concert Choir performs with the Kingsport Symphony Orchestra. On Saturday, April 27, they perform at 8:15 p.m. in the Eastman Auditorium in Kingsport. On Sunday, April 28, they perform at 2 p.m. at the Paramount Center for the Arts in Bristol.

Monday, April 29: Jazz Band Ensemble performs a free concert at 7:30 p.m. in Seeger Chapel.

"This is the first year of existence for this group and I'm very proud of their progress," Associate Professor of Music Rick Simerly said in his e-mail advertising the event. "I think all would enjoy the concert so please come out and support the group by your attendance."

April 29-30, and May 1, 3: The 16th Annual Festival of One Acts and Short Films is held in SUB 7.

"I think that it's going to be a great event," sophomore Warren McCrickard said. "I think that students should come out and support it because there are going to be a lot of students in it, and it should make for a great couple of nights."

April 29-May 9: Juried Student Art Exhibit. This exhibit in ground zero will feature selected works from art and photography students to be judged by Lesia Payne Brooks, an entertainment writer for the Johnson City Press. Cash awards will be selected by the exhibit's juror.

Tuesday, April 30: Milligan Singers, Handbell Choir, Flute Ensemble and a Keyboard Ensemble present a concert at 7:30 p.m. in Seeger Chapel.

Friday, May 3: Sheri Wilcox performs her senior voice recital at 7:30 p.m. in Seeger Chapel.

Feature

Photo Essay: Wonderful Wednesday



Top left: Senior Tom Wiles acts fiercely during the student-faculty softball game. The faculty won the game. **Top middle:** President Jeanes, sophomores Emily Fetter, and Julie Black, and Isaac Nidiffer watch the lawn games. **Top right:** Senior Kevin Bobrow is lassoed during the rope and round-up game. **Bottom left:** Junior Kirk Pliske grabs some popcorn at the drive-in movie. **Bottom middle:** Freshmen Rachael Bloch and Alisa Ferlicca enjoy inflatable games. **Bottom right:** Senior Bethany Haynes gets drenched from the firehose at the slide event.

Photos by Jason Harville

Physical plant gears up for summer renovations

John R. Hampton
Reporter

Big plans are in the works for Milligan this summer and the physical plant staff is in the process of preparing themselves for quite a load of reconstruction and cosmetic work.

Leonard Beattie heads up a small staff dedicated to keeping Milligan College's campus beautiful. The men and women oversee transportation, maintenance, large packages and cosmetic renovations around the school.

"We have a small staff, but they work hard and they're good at what they do," said Beattie.

The physical plant has great plans in the works for this coming summer. Pavement repairs will be widespread including the parking lot between Lacy Fieldhouse and Sutton Hall.

The Taylor House, located toward the back of the campus, will finally be completed as well as a new paved parking lot for the building. The Taylor house will be used for fundraising purposes.

"There's a lot of renovations going on down there," said Beattie.

Other construction projects planned for the summer include the completion of the Hart Hall heating and air conditioning system.

Along with the environmental controls, the crew will be finishing the suspended ceiling, adding a new fire alarm system and installing additional lighting.

"The halls will definitely be better lit than they are now," said Beattie. "We're also putting in new non-battery powered fire alarms. They'll be all hooked together like the other dorms."

The Hart Hall project started five months ago and Beattie said he hopes to have the news systems in use by the second week in June.

Despite all of the special projects like Hart Hall, Beattie doesn't expect the summer to be out of the ordinary. The normal renovations will also be carried through, including 25 to 30 room paintings across campus, regular shower maintenance and work being done on the halls' ceilings to prevent mildew.

Over the summer, many offices will be moved around, including the Jones computer lab and The Stampede office. The physi-

cal plant employees will be helping with those moves.

Groups coming on campus during the summer months are not expected to hinder the work Beattie and his crew has planned.

"I believe we're going to have a normal summer," said Leonard. "We're a bit heavier on the summer groups coming in. The CIY and Bible Bowl groups are larger and we also have another Methodist group coming in too."

Along with normal renovations to MSA housing such as painting, appliances and hot water heater repair, Beattie will tackle the water retention issue on Sutton hill by Kegley Hall. A retention wall is on the agenda for this summer.

A few other buildings on campus will also receive attention. Plans for the painting of part of Webb Hall, the McMahan Student Center and Paxson are also being considered.

Beattie is very matter of fact about these renovations being important to keeping Milligan College running.

"Outside of cosmetic stuff, it's basically fix it or don't...it's pretty cut and dry," he said.

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Sports

Montreat busies Buffs, sweeps double header

Alison Waters
Calendar Editor

The Milligan College Baseball team was busy this past weekend with three games against Montreat College on April 19 and 20.

On Saturday afternoon, the teams played a double header. Montreat won both games.

Junior Matt Simmons pitched for Milligan in the first game, which Milligan lost 3-2 in 9 innings. Hitting 1 for 3 in this game, junior Scott Shealy was Milligan's leading hitter.

Montreat won the second game as well, with freshman Chris Gambill as the pitcher for Milligan, and Ben Whittemore leading the team in hitting 1 for 3. Montreat won the second game 6-2.

On Sunday, Milligan played Montreat again. Milligan's winning pitcher was junior Brad Zachritz, who threw a complete game with only one walk and seven strikeouts. Freshman Jacob McAllister hit 2 for 4, Ben Whittemore had 2 RBIs and David Hilton went 2 for 3 with a homerun and three RBIs.

Milligan's conference record is currently 11-7, which puts them in third place. The team's overall record is 23-24.



Junior Brad Zachritz pitched a complete game against Montreat last weekend.

Photo by Jason Harville

Softball team beats elements, UVA-Wise

Courtney Siber
Reporter

Milligan's Women Softball team split two games with UVA-Wise on April 18 in a conference match. Milligan won the first game 4-1 and lost the second game 5-1.

Their first attempt was successful as they scored a run in each of the first four innings.

"We were really pumped up for this game because UVA-Wise only has one loss in the conference and that's because we really needed to beat them at least once more," junior catcher Rebecca Dawson said.

Freshman pitcher Brandy Waddle had a triple hitter in the first game and a double and a triple in the second game. Freshman infielder Brooke Davis had two doubles. Junior infielder Andrea Henriott and senior outfielder Lori Baimbridge had key hits in the first game.

"We played with lots of heart in the first game," said Baimbridge. Unfortunately they couldn't carry the intensity over to the second game.

"The energy level in the second game was very low," Head Coach Wes Holly said. "The girls hit poorly and had a couple mental errors but didn't play bad." UVA-Wise scored early in the game and hit a few runs.

The Lady Buffaloes played them at their home on April 7, winning 2-1 and losing 2-3. They are now tied for first place in the AAC conference.

Holly said this is the most talented team he has had in a while; the team's batting average is .322. He said they are a young team but very talented and his expectations are high.

"I think one of the good things about this team is if we don't score in the first few innings, we don't give up," said Dawson.

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Opinion

Milligan student stars in local soap opera



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Christan McKay

Editor-in-Chief

Last night I had my 15 minutes of fame. Okay, so it wasn't a very big 15 minutes, but nevertheless I starred in a soap opera, "Franklin Place" at East Tennessee State University.

ETSU's advanced film and T.V. production class, taught by Pat Cronin and Tom Headley, produced the soap.

Students served as writers, camera operators, directors, boom mike operators, actors and makeup designers.

Auditions were open to students not in the class, so I went for it. When I went into the audition I read the brief character summaries for each character and then decided which one I wanted to audition for. Auditions were taped and then voted on by a panel of students.

I was immediately drawn to character Jenny Walker. Jenny was one of the only 'good girls' in the soap and one of the main characters. Jenny is an aspiring journalism student, trying to overcome her humble existence by exposing the vices on their college campus.

When I got the call a few weeks later saying I had been cast as Jenny, I was ecstatic. I went to the audition on a whim and didn't think I would be cast.

I have done several plays on stage, but none of those could have prepared me for my first day of shooting. The

soap was shot similar to an independent film because we had no permanent set, but instead shot on location.

I discovered that film is a hurry up and wait game. There are so many people and so many things to worry about before one take is made. For most scenes, three cameras took a variety of camera angles and a combination of cover shots, medium shots, close ups and extreme close ups. A lighting designer helped eliminate distracting background shadows, and a sound operator checked levels and held the boom microphone. At least one writer was always on hand to check continuity and answer questions about the script.

Most of the time we tried to get a scene in around three to five takes, but one scene took 17 takes and several hours to get right.

There are also the shots that are comprised just of facial expressions. It was all I could do to keep a straight face

when they told me to look into the camera and give a really dirty look while they took an extreme close up.

Each scene was also shot by location, not in order chronologically. Because of this, you have to capture the emotion of the moment without the buildup that is given in a play. Consequently, during one shoot I changed my outfit eight times for the different locations.

It's kind of a neat feeling to have an entire group of people trying to make you look good on camera. It's also extremely weird to see your face close up on a huge screen. I can say that this is an experience that I will never forget.

'Franklin Place' premiered Wednesday, April 24 in Brown Hall auditorium on ETSU campus. The six episodes will then be broadcast over ETSU's television station next semester. One additional season has already been written and will be shot next semester. A third is in the works.

Letter Editor

to the

I was excited to hear Milligan's new motto when it was introduced last year: "Changing Lives, Shaping Culture." These are excellent words for our college to live by. However, while serving as SGA President the past two years, I found these words don't match up with the way it really is. Let me offer a few examples.

Last year, I prepared a proposal to increase the student activity fee. I found it odd that tuition goes up about \$800 every year, yet the student activity fee which funds social affairs, spiritual life, the yearbook, newspaper, SUB 7, arts council, concerts on campus, new student orientation, and SGA hadn't been raised a penny in a least six years. I found out that previous SGAs had pushed for such a raise with no luck.

But when I brought my proposal to the administration in January 2001, I was told it was too late to make that kind of change. I had assumed four months would be enough time before the board of trustees had to vote in April. I guess I thought wrong. Was I really just too late? This past school year, without being involved in any of the process, I was informed that there would be an increase a whopping \$5 a semester.

My next major disappointment came earlier this academic year. The college was courting Jack Londen as a potential donor to Milligan. After hearing many students, faculty, and staff voice concerns about his visit, I decided to write a letter to the editor of the Stampede, something that is encouraged in Roaring Lambs, the core book for our communications program here. I simply stated the truth about the situation and my opinion about the direction Milligan should be taking. After the paper came out I had to spend my day in meetings and having run-ins with leaders at Milligan who were obviously upset about me voicing my opinion. I was given arguments like these: "You

shouldn't write letters like that because you're the SGA President"; "If you think what you wrote was the truth then you need to have a chat with Phil Kenneson"; "What about Bill Paxson, he gives money to the communications area"; "I think it was inappropriate and was the wrong avenue to take." I think they were upset because letters like that disturb the flow of the college. Since when was the school newspaper supposed to be a PR piece? Isn't that what the Milligan Magazine is for? Why are leaders of the campus so opposed to constructive criticism? At the same time, I received many kudos from people who applauded me for writing what I wrote. I still have people compliment me for doing that even though it was hard, because it needed to be said.

Next came the board meeting in the fall. For years SGAs have tried to do away with the no dancing policy on campus with no luck. The common thought was that donors to Milligan were a bunch of crusty old folks who would have heart attacks if they found out someone (heaven forbid!) was dancing on campus. I was assured by a staff member that this wasn't the case. The issue was brought up at the meeting, surprisingly by two older people who agreed with students. After all, we have a pom squad that dances at basketball games, we have a swing club on campus, among other things. Julie Ray also brought up the point that by having a dance on campus, we could avoid the high cost of renting a location off campus, so more money could be used to make dances and events bigger. Also, it seemed like a really pharisaical rule to me. Somehow, even though it seemed everyone thought the rule was rather absurd, our discussion remained just that, a discussion. To my knowledge no changes have been made.

Most recently in March, after hearing some people express interest in having a senior speak at graduation, I was surprised that we weren't already doing that. I thought this was a good idea to start. Because

of the fact that all the seniors and their families have invested so much in Milligan and made many sacrifices to come to Milligan, and since it is supposed to be the students' big day, I thought the college would warmly greet the idea of having our class valedictorian or other representative speak. However, when I brought this request to administration I was told, "You should have come to us earlier."

Was I experiencing a pattern here? Was this the same Milligan that boasted of changing lives and shaping culture? What I have experienced is a micromanagement type environment resistant of change, closed to new ideas, and where the words "No," "It's too late," "Let's form a committee about that," "Maybe next year," and "You need to go through the proper channels" flow like honey. When I heard Milligan is "where Jesus Christ Is Exalted and Excellence is the Standard," I took it to heart and did my best to exemplify this statement in SGA. I found this surprisingly hard at a Christian college. Maybe I've got it all wrong. Maybe changing lives and shaping culture means just getting in line and keeping your mouth shut. Maybe it means not getting involved. Maybe it means hurrying up, graduating quietly with a 3.0 and getting a job.

I would like to challenge leaders at Milligan to reexamine what this idea of changing lives and shaping culture really means. It should be more than nice words to put on brochures and say in speeches. If we aren't allowed to truly change lives and shape culture while here at Milligan, how can we be expected to do it in Hollywood, Washington, New York, or in classrooms, hospitals, offices, and newsrooms? I dream of a Milligan where students are encouraged to bring new ideas to the table and where students are supported in their quest to engage culture. The only "no" a student should hear when proposing new ideas is "No problem."

Nevan Hooker

Former SGA President

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Former Milligan Postmaster pleads guilty to felony

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Robert Wayne Larkin, 51, former Postmaster for Milligan College Post Office from 1982 until Dec. 13, 2001, appeared Monday before District Judge Thomas G. Hull in U.S. District Court and pled guilty to a one-count felony information charged with misappropriation of postal funds.

Between Jan. 28, 1997, and Dec. 12, 2001, on about 62 separate occasions, Larkin failed to properly account for checks received from Milligan College and Emmanuel School of Religion, usually for permit imprint mailings, which permitted Larkin to embezzle and unlawfully convert about \$51,599.80 in funds of the United States Postal Service.

In early October 2001, the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) received information that Larkin might have misappropriated funds received from Emmanuel School of Religion, Johnson City. The school had issued a check, dated Sept. 21, 2001, in the amount of \$1,300 to Postmaster, Milligan College, Tenn., "to mail the school's publication, 'Envoy.'" The articles mailed did not have postage stamps affixed, but instead were mailed using a "permit imprint."

Articles sent by this method must bear a permit imprint indicia showing that payment for the postage was made at the time of mailing. On Sept. 24, 2001, Larkin deposited the check into a U.S. Postal Service bank account, but, on his daily financial report, had included the amount of the check in the amount of postage stamps he had purportedly sold that date. This created an overage in Larkin's stamp credit. By then converting postal funds to his personal use by either removing cash or issuing money orders for which payment had not been made, he reduced that overage.

The next mailing of "Envoy" occurred on the morning of Dec. 12, 2001, and the permit imprint mailing was paid with a check in the amount of \$1,439.00, \$1,314.29 of that amount being for the permit imprint mailing.

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Students participate in non-military protest for Colombia in Washington

Misty Fry & Gina Holtman

Senior Writer & Reporter

Two Milligan students ventured to Washington D.C. on April 21 to take part in a weekend-long non-violent protest where demonstrators called for non-military action in Colombia.

Chelsea Peil and Carrie Arblaster joined the march in an effort to make Congress aware that they want to end U.S. military aid to the Colombian government, stop the U.S. funded spraying of herbicides and shut down a training school in Ft. Benning, Ga. that trains Latin-American soldiers for combat.

Arblaster, a sociology major, is most concerned about the farming communities affected by the herbicides that are sprayed in order to destroy cocaine. She researched the subject and found that for every one acre of drugs the herbicides destroy, three acres of farm land are demolished - affecting the water, the soil and the health of the people in rural areas.

"I think if most people knew about this, they wouldn't think it was a good idea," she said. "Why don't we pour our money in to something else?"

U.S. money has been flowing into fighting the drug war in Colombia, but a proposal by President George W. Bush would expand U.S. aid to Colombia to fight a war on terrorism. The protesters object to this new legislation that would send U.S. dollars to fight Marxist guerillas in the South American country.

U.S. forces will teach the Colombian military how to stop rebel attacks of an oil pipeline owned by California-based company Occidental Petroleum. The leftists attack the pipeline because they want to fight

what they consider to be the plunder of their country's natural resources.

"Over one-fourth of the budget is used for defending oil pipelines, and we get a majority of our oil from Latin America," said Arblaster.

"The more you learn, the more you realize how encompassing the problems are, and we aren't even aware," said Peil. "As Christians, we should be aware and say no to this."

According to the Associated Press, however, the Colombian oil comprises only 2 percent of the total amount of oil the U.S. uses - not enough oil to make a strategic difference. However, the oil is key to the Colombian economy, making up a third of total export earnings. Colombian officials estimate that the rebels' sabotage of the oil industry reduced the country's gross domestic product by a half a percent, the Associated Press reports. The campaign has been going on since 1986, resulting in the loss of over 2.5 million barrels of crude oil.

According to the Colombian Mobilization website, the weekend of April 19-22 brought in about 3,000 protesters for rallies, lobbying, teach-ins, and skill trainings. On April 21, the march began at 7:30 near the Washington Monument and ended at the Sylvan Theater on the Washington Monument grounds, where the Colombia Mobilization Festival of Hope and Resistance was taking place.

Police on motorcycles and on horseback blocked the streets near the Capitol, but the march continued. Toward the end of the march, the group was detained by police for an hour outside the Upper Senate Park.

Feature

Webb Hall loses old friends

Some of Webb's faithful residents plan to move into bigger, nicer student housing

John R. Hampton
Reporter

Every spring, new students move into rooms in Webb Hall, but those rooms are only empty because another man left.

Incoming freshmen and transfer students will move into such rooms as Webb 315, once occupied by Jason Reed and Aaron Akins. Akins and Reed have been in 315 for three semesters and Akins has been on the third floor of Webb for five out of his six semesters.

Akins is moving into the MSA apartments and says he loved his experiences in Webb Hall.

"I love Webb, but most of the people I know are moving out," said Akins. "So I'm going someplace where I know more people."

Reed is moving into Kegley Hall next semester.

"Webb has been my home for three years," said Reed. "Whenever I think about Milligan, I'll think about Webb."

Webb Dorm Council President David Gibbons is among the many moving out. He is also moving into the MSA apartments with Aaron Akins, John Lawson and Jason Harville, all seniors.

"For my senior year I thought I'd try a different atmosphere than the white bricks of Webb," said Gibbons. "Living in MSA would give me the opportunity to begin getting use to living in an apartment after graduation. It's getting me more prepared for real life."

Normally only seniors are chosen for the privileged housing of MSA and the male dormitories Kegley and Quillen, but sometimes a few juniors are allowed to move in too.

Admission is based upon grade point average and class level, but if enough seniors do not meet the GPA requirements, juniors may be admitted.

Incoming freshmen or other students will fill room number 315 and others like it, and students like Aaron Akins and David Gibbons will leave Webb, but the Webb Hall dynamic remains. The sense of community and camaraderie lives on.

Webb Hall stands as a testament to Milligan College's spirit. Men living in Webb develop a fondness for the building that lasts far beyond moving out or even receiving a diploma.

As men move in and out of Webb, the building stands to welcome a new group of eager students into its halls.



Junior, Jason Reed packs up boxes to prepare to move out of his Webb room for the last time. Reed has been in room 315 for the past three years and now plans to move into Kegley Hall, an upperclassman dorm, next semester.

-Photo by Jason Harville

Siber learns christian service

Daniel Giturwa
Reporter

Courtney Siber has great memories of Mexico. She has been to the country on three Christian mission trips and looks forward to more.

Siber, 20, is a junior from Canton, Ohio, majoring in business marketing. She hopes to be a missionary when she graduates from college.

Siber said that in all her trips, she has learned the importance of helping less fortunate people. She was also excited to play with kids from another community after a hard day of work. Siber enjoyed the worship services that the mission group held every night while in Mexico.

She went to her first mission trip when she was a freshman in high school. Her church organized a trip to Mexico in 1995. She said that the purpose of the trip was to build a local church camp for kids in Mexico. During the trip, Siber realized how important it was to learn foreign languages.

"Most of the people in Mexico speak Spanish. There are a few English speakers. It was difficult to communicate with people when I was by myself. Our group had a few Spanish translators, and it's awesome to listen to them speak both languages," Siber said. "I still cannot speak any foreign language, although am hoping to learn Spanish next semester."

"I remember digging septic tank holes for the houses, and that seemed to take forever."

-Courtney Siber, junior

hide behind bushes that had the plant. On the bus back to the United States, she had a memorable experience.

"The bus had vinyl coated seats. The temperature was over 100 degrees. Whenever I applied lotion to my body, it dripped off and the pain from the poison ivy did not stop. I do not think I have experienced such physical pain," Siber said.

The second trip to Mexico was to Piedras Negras. She was a senior in high school and

part of Crossroads Missions, which is based in Milligan.

"The main purpose of this trip was to build houses for the Christian community in the area. I remember digging septic tank holes for the houses and that seemed to take forever. Each hole was to be 12 feet deep and we seemed not to be doing anything," said Siber.

She said the most important thing she remembers about this trip how they worked hard everyday. She said that the work created closer friendship between her and the three partners with whom she was digging the hole.

"Everyone was encouraging each other. We each had ideas on how to dig faster, and this made it easier for us to share more about ourselves during the breaks", Siber said.

Her last trip to Mexico was during Christmas break. Siber said that she was excited to see the houses they had started building were now complete.

"I was the only one in the group who was in the previous trip. I told everyone about it, and I was happy to see what the Lord had done," Siber said. Siber hopes she will be traveling to Mexico in December.

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Feature

Information Technology makes summer changes in computer labs

Jess Ryan Baker

Reporter

Information Technology plans to either upgrade or replace computers in the Kegley lab, move the Jones lab to Paxson 108 and may implement Windows XP Professional across campus.

"The plan is to upgrade computers in a separate computer lab every summer," said Mike Smith, director of Information Technology. "This summer Computer Services is planning to either upgrade or replace the computers in the Kegley Computer Lab."

Smith also said that the Jones lab will move to room 108 in Paxson and the Stampede and Buffalo office will move to Paxson 101.

"We at the communications building had originally expected that Computer Services planned to leave the three to four computers in the Jones [Computer Lab] for the Stampede staff to use,"

said Jim Dahlman, associate professor of communications. "But Computer Services had planned to take all of the computers and give five to Kegley and five to professors."

Dahlman said the prior confusion is now being cleared up.

"We are actually very excited about the prospects this summer will bring," said Dahlman. "Computer

Services has plans to implement a lot of high-end multimedia into the Jones lab such as scanners and CD burners."

There is also the chance that Microsoft Windows XP Professional will be implemented campus wide, said Smith. Windows XP has the ability to provide more data charts to go along with Microsoft Word files. XP also has the ability to incorporate XML web services using Visual Basic for Applications or VBA.

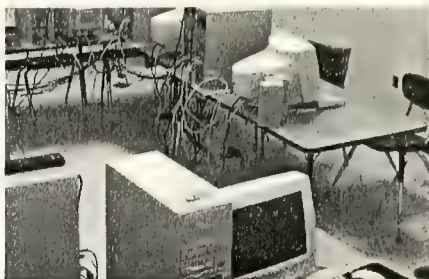
"In short, if the Derthick Computer Lab computers do receive XP, it will make them a lot faster for the digital classes held in the lab," said freshman Theron Humphrey, a student work for Information Technology.

The upgrading and replacing of computers this summer is part of a revamping program slated every summer that will revamp the older labs on campus.

"Milligan's Computer Services does most of its work during the summer," said Smith.

"Summer is definitely the busiest time of year for us and I think students will be pleasantly surprised to see the changes that will be made to the campus computer labs."

The revamping of the campus computer labs is part of a larger campus wide revamping that included the renovating of Derthick Hall last summer and more physical improvements this summer.



The Jones computer lab as it stands now is ready and in the works for an update.
Photo by Jason Harville.

Star Kenyan soccer player finds fulfillment in U.S.

Courtney Siber

Reporter

Many people come to America from other countries for a better life, to become wealthy and successful. Daniel Giturwa came to the America to play soccer and for further education but decided to make this his home and to make the American dream his own.

Giturwa, 29, was born in Nairobi, Kenya, and began his soccer career very early.

"I played in various clubs while in Kenya, I was Premier League second leading scorer in 1998 and 1999, Super League top scorer in 1996 and 1997 and I was a member of the Nairobi Combined and call up to the national team in 1997 and 1998," said Giturwa.

"I played on Ushirika Football Club for four years and all four years I was the top scorer for the league."

He was not only a success in soccer, but in academics as well. He completed the Higher Diploma in Computer

Studies at the Mombasa Polytechnic College in 1994. The same year, he started working for Micrologic Limited Nairobi as a software applications instructor. Giturwa had a good job and a successful soccer career but he wanted more. He was open for change and the opportunity came at just the right time.

The head coach of the men's soccer team at Milligan, John Garvilla, discovered Giturwa through his publicity from soccer and offered him a soccer scholarship to play at Milligan.

Giturwa did not jump at the chance immediately; he debated the decision for two months. During this time, he talked to other soccer players who were recruited to play in the U.S. and asked them what they thought of their experience.

He admits that he came to America with a few stereotypes engraved in his mind.

"I thought that everyone in America was rich because that is the way the media tried to portray it," said Giturwa.

"I also thought that it was so violent, like everyone had a gun and everyone got shot all the time."

He decided to give this rich and violent way of life a try and came to Milligan in January 2000. He learned that it was not violent and everyone was not rich but people were much more busy and had to work a lot to be successful.

"In the U.S., there is much more opportunity to get a job and make money. In Kenya, there are many who are unemployed and have to rely on others to pay their bills, said Giturwa. "I found that here, not everyone is rich and many have to work hard to go to school or pay the bills, but there is opportunity for jobs unlike in Kenya."

He sees America as a good place to start his career in computer consulting, services and sales. Ideally, he plans to graduate in December 2002 and work for a year, go back to school to get his masters and then start his own computer consulting company in America.

Former Milligan Postmaster pleads guilty to felony continued...

That same afternoon, a postal inspector, his identity unknown to Larkin, purchased \$170 in postage stamps from Larkin at the Milligan College Post Office and paid using marked currency. Larkin completed a PS Form 1412 Daily Financial Transaction Report which reported the deposit of the check from the Emmanuel School of Religion and a deposit of \$598.93 in cash, but did not reflect a permit imprint mailing in that amount, instead reporting stamp sales of \$1,753.39.

The following morning, Dec. 1, 2001, a USPS auditor went into the Milligan College Post Office. Larkin unsuccessfully attempted to keep \$910 worth of stamps from being included when the auditor inventoried his stamp credit. That inventory found an overage of only \$886.59. Included in his stamp credit was a 50-dollar-bill the postal inspector had used to purchase stamps the previous day. While the bank deposit contained a 20-dollar-bill used by the postal inspector, a one-hundred-dollar-bill the inspector had used had not been deposited, nor was it in Larkin's stamp credit.

On Dec. 14, 2001, another USPS employee was assigned to replace Larkin, and five days later, the missing one-hundred-dollar-bill was found hidden under documents on a desk inside the Milligan College Post Office.

Working with employees of Emmanuel School of Religion and Milligan College, the postal inspector obtained information on checks issued by those institutions for permit imprint mailings for the past five years.

On 62 separate occasions between Jan. 28, 1997, and Dec. 12, 2001, Larkin had received and deposited checks from the schools but had not reported them as payments for permit imprint mailings.

Postal inspectors interviewed Larkin on Feb. 6, 2002. Larkin said that, during the first half of his 21-year career as Milligan College postmaster, he had done everything "by the book." Larkin said that, some time after failing to receive a promotion in 1992, he began misreporting checks received for permit imprint mailings.

Larkin admitted removing cash from his stamp credit on several days after he deposited the checks and had converted the cash to his personal use.

Larkin was released on a \$10,000 recognizance bond to return for sentencing on July 15 at 9 a.m..

Feature

12 Milligan artists receive recognition, cash prizes

Paige Wassel
Reporter

On April 29, the juried student art exhibit opened in Ground Zero, showcasing work by art and photography students.

Lesia Payne Brooks, an entertainment writer for the Johnson City Press, judged the exhibit and 12 students were awarded with cash prizes.

According to the entry requirements, students were able to submit up to three pieces of work depending on how many classes in art or photography they had taken.

For example, if they had taken one class, they could submit one work, and if they had taken three classes they could submit three works.

The exhibit entries could include such

mediums as sculpture, photography, painting, drawing, ceramics, or printmaking.

Photography Professor Alice Anthony said the juried student art exhibit is an annual event at Milligan.

"I think it's a good chance for students to see what we're all doing," photography student Jara Henderson said.

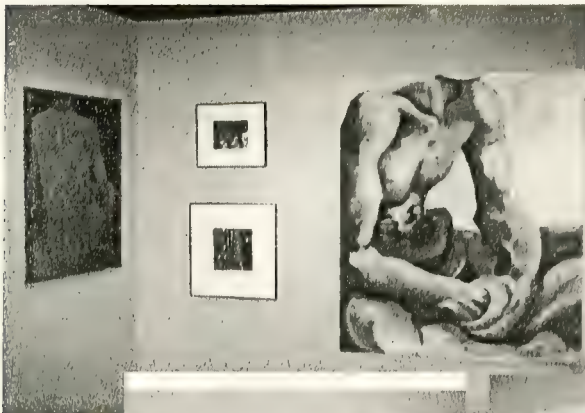
Junior art major Jamie Osborne said "It would be encouraging to know you have someone supporting your work as a student."

Ninety-six works were entered and judged in the art show by Milligan art students. Winners were announced in 50b by Professor Dick Major after Tuesday's One-Act performances. The art show was a part of this week's Student Arts Festival.

Nine awards of merit were given out of the 96 pieces. Each recipient received \$19. Winners of merit were Chris Brando, Jason Harville, Jara Henderson, Tim Morton, Ah Waters, Nathaniel Poling, Nathan Pelton, Dina Deford, Evan Longfield.

Six students received Awards of Excellence accompanied by \$20. Winners of this award were Chris Brando, Bethany Hanes, Tom Wiles, Adah Hutchcraft, Sarah Small, and Gina Holtman.

The exhibit will be up in Ground Zero until May 9.



Several students from different art classes entered up to three pieces of art work in this week's juried art show. Nine students received Awards of Merit and six students received Awards of Excellence.

-Photos by Jason Harville

Student recycling efforts succeed through individual efforts

Past efforts to recycle failed, but more involvement and awareness this semester has led to significant progress in recycling on Milligan campus.

John R. Hampton
Reporter

Milligan College students this semester have attempted to boost recycling efforts on campus in numerous ways.

Through mass emails and word of mouth, the word has gotten out around Milligan that the college is trying to be more environment-friendly.

In Webb Hall, resident assistants, such as Charles Kleine, are doing their part.

Outside of his room, Kleine has set a box for residents to place aluminum cans in. He welcomes all residents to bring the cans to his room so he can take them to be recycled.

Kleine feels the college has done little to aid in students efforts.

"The thing is, it's not Milligan doing the recycling, it's the students," said Kleine. "I would like the administration to continue with what they started and help the students out with their work."

In Hart Hall, recycling efforts are localized on the third floor. Kaitlyn Anderson leads the effort, collecting paper, aluminum, and plastic.

From all over the women's dormitory, recyclables are collected and taken into the city, where they are deposited in bins for public use.

A group of women take the refuse into town, dividing the trips among many so that the burden of many trips does not rest on a sole girl.

Past efforts in Milligan's history have met with lukewarm results. Students have attempted to get people involved by placing recycling bins in the dorms, but now more is being done to publicize the outlets for recycling on campus.

More students on campus are generally accepting of the efforts that have been done around the college this past year.

"I feel it's a step toward Webb being more responsible," said junior Matthew Joseph. "It's step towards where we need to be."

Despite the improvements some students feel even more needs to be done. Involvement from more leaders on campus has been one of the many suggestions.

"I think we're doing well, but we could do more," said junior Nathan Henry on the subject. "It would help a lot more if the college administration was more involved."

Milligan administrators encourage student efforts and praise the work done so far. At the beginning of the school year, Julie Ray suggested ways to be more environmentally friendly.

Students around campus have taken the suggestions and made Milligan a school more amiable towards nature.

Efforts are being made to continue this spirit for recycling next year. Some of the plans to continue the things started this year are coming from student government. SGA recently formed a recycling committee to aid in the efforts to increase the awareness and opportunities for Milligan students to expand recycling possibilities next semester.

Feature

Survey used for chapel evaluation

Alison Waters

Calendar Editor

On April 13 in chapel, Campus Minister Nathan Flora and the chapel committee distributed two surveys to both students and faculty for evaluation of chapel services of the past year.

"For quantifiable assessment it is pretty good," said Flora. "I try to have some focus group sessions where respondents have a chance to say anything they would like about chapel more broadly. The surveys handed out during chapel are looking for some specific things. Some students feel free to add comments though."

The second form listed various forms of chapel involvement for next semester, giving students the chance to participate in areas of their choice.

"I make lists for each category based on responses and then try to commission, coordinate and invite as many students as I can to participate in the way they wish," said Flora.

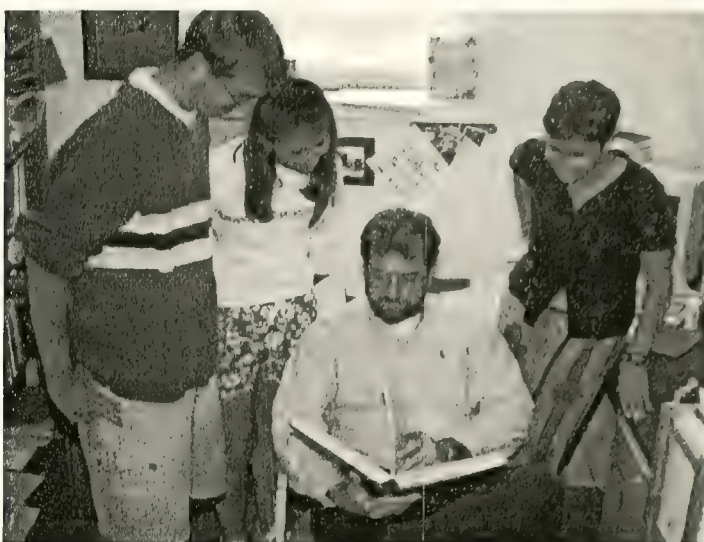
By entering the data into a computer program owned by the social science department, Flora is able to study the statistical trends among different groups and classes.

"I look at all sorts of data, such as differences of response between classes and position, overall averages and percentages, significant gender differences, and other basic descriptive statistics," he said. "I can tell if a particular class cohort seems to consistently respond in one way to a question or if a response is related to a developmental stage such as freshmen seem to indicate this higher or lower year after year."

The chapel surveys were anonymous in an attempt to receive honest answers.

"It is a routine at the college to evaluate this type of program," said Flora. "I wrote the questions based on the intended goals for the Chapel services that the chapel committee set out two years ago."

Students changing lives



Professor Craig Farmer, sophomores Aaron Scott and Kristina Kayser, and senior Courtney Gardner look over materials for their missions trip to China. The group, along with three other students, will be traveling to China from June 20-July 2 to do missions work for three weeks.

Photo by Jason Marzillo

Professor, six students travel to Yunnan on missions trip

Paige Wassel

Reporter

From June 2-23, six students, Dr. Craig Farmer, associate professor of Humanities and History and his family are traveling to the Yunnan region of China to do educational and medical missions work.

"Our team has been meeting for a year and a half now, and through prayer and fasting we are finally beginning to feel like we are part of something much bigger than we can understand or even see," sophomore Grete Riggs said.

Farmer said that the opportunity for the group to travel to either Vietnam or China presented itself last fall.

They had been in contact with Christian Missionary Fellowship to see about opportunities for mission work, and a lady missionary in her 70s contacted the group to consider doing educational and medical missions work, he said. She was working in a remote area near the Vietnam border ministering to different ethnic groups when she considered this need.

Farmer said the group will be involved in teaching at local high schools as well as working in medical clinics, such as a "bare-foot doctors program," and a leper village.

Since China is a closed country, the group can not formally state they are traveling there to do evangelism and must be careful about what they say, he said.

"Officially we're going as tourists...but we're touring it in a different way," Farmer said.

He said the group is trying to discern if they might be called to move there permanently.

"The purpose of the trip is to find out if this team has long-term potential."

-Grete Riggs, Sophomore

"The purpose of the trip is to find out if this team has long-term potential," Riggs said. "We will focus on group dynamics in China while serving alongside one another."

The team wrote letters to friends and family asking for financial support for the trip, and Hopwood Christian Church also provided assistance.

This group consists of current Milligan students or alumni Kristina Kayser, Courtney Gardner, Grete Riggs, Aaron Scott, Stephanie Hart and Rachel Hatfield along with Dr. Craig Farmer and his family. Dan and Kim Drage and Emily Raudenbush met with the group but are unable to travel due to scheduling conflicts, Farmer said.

"We just want to be open to the possibilities and try to re-imagine our lives in a different context," Farmer said.

Other missions trips made available to Milligan students

Paige Wassel

Reporter

Ukraine

Milligan sophomores Rachel Ledbetter, Lindsay Patterson and Warren McRickard are traveling to the Ukraine from June 20-July 2 to do missions work with MASTER Provisions.

"We're visiting a handicapped children's orphanage and doing evangelism in the underprivileged villages of the Ukraine," Ledbetter said.

Milligan alumni Roger Babik, director of MASTER Provisions, will be leading this group of students on their trip. He has led Milligan students in packing clothes for the Ukraine this year and last year.

Ledbetter said this trip would be more of an evangelistic missions trip rather than a working mission trip as the group goes into different villages with interpreters and speaks to the people at rallies and festivals.

"I really think it's going to stretch me a lot," Ledbetter said. "I pray that I'll be able to speak to people with boldness."

South Africa

Freshman Adrienne Sutphin is traveling to South Africa with the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medical Missions from May 29-June 14.

Sutphin said she is going to be observing doctors who have chosen to provide health care information and assistance to South African natives. She said she was nominated for the program by her high school guidance counselor and was accepted.

"I know it's not going to be an actual missions trip, but I think it'll help me decide if I want to go into medical missions," Sutphin said.

Feature

Father, son share commencement honors

Christian McKay
Editor-in-Chief

This year's spring commencement on May 12 will honor a father and son duo, Russell and Paul Blowers.

Paul Blowers, professor of church history at Emmanuel School of Religion and Milligan alumnus, will present this year's commencement address. His father Russ, retired senior minister of East 91st Street Christian Church in Indianapolis, Ind., will be presented with the Fide et Amore award during commencement and will be delivering the baccalaureate address.

"We chose Paul Blowers for several reasons," said President Donald Jeanes. "He is an alumnus who has distinguished himself in the area of church history. He is respected by the Christian Churches and even outside the Christian Churches. He is a published writer and a well-known lecturer."

The president and administration choose speakers three to six months prior to commencement. Jeanes said that speakers have been alumni, people

being honored by the college, current or former faculty members, or parents of graduates.

Mark Matson, academic dean, said that though several speakers are considered for each of the year's three commencement services, the person finally chosen is one who is connected with Milligan and the school's mission.

"Many people are usually considered, and then it is narrowed down to one," explained Matson. "We are somewhat limited due to funds - many colleges spend a lot on college speakers. We do not. But we try to select one who is thoughtful, articulate, knows Milligan, and can speak to the situation of Milligan students leaving the four years here. Paul is an alumnus, and knows us well and should do a great job."

being honored by the college, current or former faculty members, or parents of graduates.

The choice of Paul as commencement speaker also became more meaningful, since his father Russ will be receiving the Fide et Amore award at this time.

The award is the college's highest honor and is presented in recognition of loving and faithful service to the college.

"The trustees and faculty voted for the college to give Russ the Fide et Amore award for his decades of service to the College and to ministry," said Jeanes. "We chose to further honor Russ by asking his son to

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**--Mark Matson,
Academic Dean**

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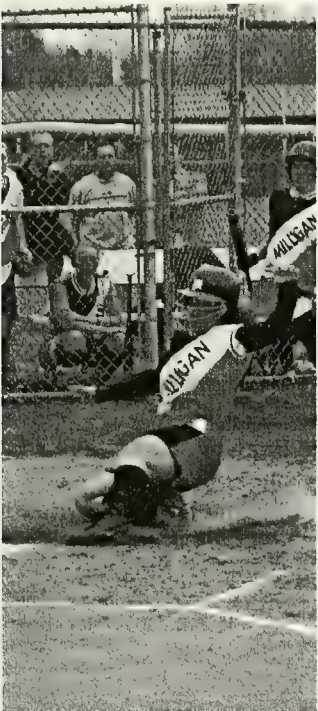
Russ is a graduate of Ohio University and Christian Theological Seminary and World War II veteran. He served on the boards of Food for the Hungry, the World of the Churches of Christ, Christian Missionary Fellowship,

Emmanuel School of Religion, European Evangelistic Society, and Milligan College. He also served as chairman and honorary chair of three Billy Graham Crusades and as a member of the Publishing Committee of Standard Publishing Company.

Recent concern has been raised over the possibility of a student speaker at graduation. While both Matson and Jeanes said that a student speaker was not possible for this year, consideration is being made for next year's commencement.

Matson said that commencement is meant to be a thoughtful time and that other speakers bring experience to the table, which is valuable at the time of graduation.

"Graduation is meant to be a serious and thoughtful time, at which the prospect of leaving the college and going out into the world is carefully considered," said Matson. "It is difficult to find a speaker that captures this spirit well, but we do carefully think about what would resonate best with the students and their parents."



Junior Rebecca Dawson slides into home. The Lady Buffs will be going to the Regional Tournament in Athens, TN. The tournament will be held from May 8-10.

Photo by Jason Harville

Low rates create investment revenue decrease

Jennifer Soucie
Online Editor

Milligan's endowment makes up a small part of its budget and is virtually unaffected by the sluggish economy.

Vice-President for Institutional Advancement Todd Norris said that because the interest off endowed funds is subject to the market, low rates have caused a decrease in investment revenue. Joe Whitaker, vice president for business and finance, said the total college endowment decreased less 10% for the 2001 calendar year.

Because Milligan's endowment is smaller than at other institutions, it was less affected by the economic downturn. Budget Director Chris Rolph said the endowment income makes up only around 1 percent of the budget.

Norris said that endowment funds are perpetual and once established, remain forever. The principal of the fund is invested and typically only the interest is used by the college, said Norris.

Rolph said the next fiscal year, which begins June 1, reduces the unrestricted endowment budget by 20%, from \$175,000 to \$140,000. Whitaker said unrestricted funds, which have lack usage stipulations, comprise about 30% of the total endowment. Most donors specify where the gift is to be used, which is a restricted endowment. Revenue is designated for scholarships, building repairs or other projects.

Total revenue from all sources totals \$17 million next year, said Rolph. Whitaker said about 85% of the college's budget comes from student fees, tuition,

room and board and bookstore.

"There are only a few who have the luxury of charging a lower tuition because the income from the endowment is so much more," said Whitaker. Norris said the objective of increasing the endowment

through the capital campaign is to take strain off dependence on tuition revenue to increase funding for scholarships and programs.

At the present time, Norris, Bob Young, Jack Simpson Don Jeanes visit the homes of college supporters, alumni and potential new donors. They try to build relationships with as many of the approximately 2,000 people who donate to the college annually.

"One of the things we try to encourage people who are supporting the college annually is that when they are no longer able to do that for whatever reason, and usually that means they have passed away, that they think of the college as one of their dependents...because they have supported the college faithfully and the college has come to depend on that level of support as it plans for the future," Norris said.

Norris said he suspects that the events of September 11 have encouraged people to rally around Milligan. General gift income has increased about 15% since last year. This year's goal is \$1.4 million; last year it was \$1.3 million.

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**--Todd Norris
Institutional
Advancement**

Feature

Senior, Misty Fry reflects on four years at Milligan

Misty Fry

Senior Editor

I'm in denial about graduating. Now don't get me wrong, it's not like I'm crying that I won't be attending classes anymore, but I can't believe that these four years are over. I remember sitting in the Stampede office yesterday, watching the seniors write their final columns, and thinking, "Ha, ha, I'm glad I don't have to do that. I would never know what to say."

And now I still don't know the answers.

College has been an evolving process for me. I remember coming into Milligan, not really knowing what my major should be or where my life was going to take me.

And now I still don't know the answers.

One of the most important lessons I have learned though, is that all that really doesn't matter.

Having a major is just a name on a \$35.00 piece of paper. In reality, the whole world is open for whatever I want to do.

While my classes have taught me many things and opened up my eyes to new ideas (and old one, like the fact that I will never ever get a good grade in math), I have found out the hard way that these things

don't matter as much as I first thought they did. What matters is seizing the day, and appreciating every gift God has so graciously given me.

While it's great to have the "opportunity to excel" as Dr. Nix would say, those classes are not what I will treasure in my heart as I walk out of Milligan's doors for the last time.

Talking to my roommates in the dark, seeing the sun rise over the misty blue mountains on a hiking trip, nerf guns, surprise parties, red Kool-Aid in the shower, skipping convo for lunch (of course not this year), breakfast at coffee shops, naps, the beach, picnics, Mr. Ed unknowingly on my answering machine, road races, waterfalls, cross country parties and Rocky marathons are just some of the things that really do matter.

And that is not to say that I haven't tried to have it all-succeeding academically and having the fun times with my friends. I just wasn't always successful.

The goal was to get the least amount of sleep possible so I could have the time to do everything I had suckered myself into. I tried almost every form of liquid energy I

could get my hands on-the 20 oz. Cappuccino, PR's sweet tea, energy drinks, Coastal coffee, and even the 2-liter of Mt. Dew, which was a disaster. The lesson: Never, ever consume that much Mt. Dew after not drinking any kind of soda whatsoever for six years. Bad times will be had by all.

So, as I sit here writing this, I'm also thinking about the eight papers I have left to write before graduation. And while this would have made me a psychotic mess three years ago, I'm now taking it all in stride.

Everything gets done eventually, even with my frequent coffee breaks with friends.

While at Milligan I have been asked to consider some pretty tough questions, like what it really means to be human and how to find the real truth in journalism.

And now I still don't know the answers, but at least I can say I've had fun trying.

"And while this would have made me a psychotic mess three years ago, I'm not taking it all in stride."

-Misty Fry, senior

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Feature

Photo essay: One-Acts

6 year senior changes life through YWAM

Laura Danhauer

Reporter

Following what she felt was God's plan for her life 22-year-old Lyndsey Bowie won't complete her college education in the typical four or five years, at this point it will take her six.

Bowie's delay in graduation comes not as a result of failed classes or high course loads. It is because she spent two years in a program that deepened her faith in God and allowed her opportunities to serve those in need.

"I never expected to take off two years from college," said Bowie. "It was all the Lord's planning."

After Bowie completed her freshman year at Samford University she entered Youth With A Mission (YWAM) missionary school in Nashville. Her first course, a Discipleship Training School, was three months of classroom learning focused on the basic foundation of Christianity followed by two months of outreach in Sri Lanka and India.

Bowie entered her second course one month after returning from overseas. The School of Evangelism she attended focused on evangelism and outreach that completes the lessons she learned in the first course. With the course structured the same way, after the three months of class she stayed in Nashville the two months following doing outreach work.

"My two years in YWAM was the most life changing years ever. It opened my eyes and gave me a new perspective on life and her relationship with God," Bowie said.

Bowie's relationship with God prior to her YWAM experience was not always strong. Despite being raised in a Christian home, her high school years were spent partying and rebelling against her parents and the faith they had taught her.

Working at a camp the summer after her high school graduation Bowie decided that she would live differently when she went to college. She was determined from that point on she should let God define her plans, plans that would eventually lead her to YWAM.

Although Bowie currently does not know where God will take her next, she is finishing her college education while waiting. She is currently enrolled at Milligan in her sophomore year. The fact that other students her age will graduate in a little over a month doesn't bother her in the least.

"I'm glad I did it," she said.



Photos from 2002 One-Act productions. **Top Left:** "Ferris Wheel." **Top Middle:** Jame Osborne, lightboard operator. **Top Right:** "I Wandered Lonely." **Second Row Left:** "Death of a Legend." **Second Row Right:** "Words, Words, Words." **Third Row Left:** "Cameras." **Third Row Right:** Spectators in the balcony seats. **Bottom Left:** "Love and Peace Mary Jo." **Bottom Middle:** "Variations on the Death of Trotsky." **Bottom Right:** "The Philadelphia."

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The party's over: Adult education office manager Melodie Perry (left), her husband, Eric, and director of adult education Paula Gentry chat after the picnic. In the background, President Don Jeanes cleans up. Photo by John Hammon.

Picnic unites staff

Staff and faculty honored with first-ever QED awards for service to school

By John Hammon

The evening of May 14 found Milligan College President Don Jeanes clearing off picnic tables at Rotary Park in Johnson City.

The image was typical of a night during which faculty and staff from all departments came together as one to celebrate a job well done.

The occasion was the employee awards picnic, and it was a time for both faculty and staff and their friends and family to be rewarded for their efforts and celebrate a successful school year. According to Jeanes, this year was the first time the event included faculty, administration, cafeteria and maintenance staff. Many of those present said the change was a good one, making the event a unifier among all those who work for the college. More than 100 employees and guests attended.

Jeanes said this event is one of the few times the whole campus gets together. He described it as "our way of saying 'thank you' for a job well done."

Director of Student Success Leslie Glover agreed that there was a sense of unity about the event. "This is about letting people know they're appreciat-

ed," said Glover. "Sometimes we say that, but this is a way for us to show that."

Jeanes opened the picnic, which was catered by the Firehouse Restaurant. Then all the employees in attendance introduced themselves and their guests. Several guests drew laughs from the crowd with their introductions, including French and Spanish Professor Carolyn Woolard, who asked if she was on sabbatical yet. HPXS Professor Linda Doan introduced herself as the "gym teacher."

During the picnic, Jeanes and other administrators gave out awards to faculty and staff members who had accomplished significant achievements during the year or who had reached milestones of years of service to the college.

One of the awards is a new one that will be given annually to college employees, the Sam Jack Hyder QED Award. QED stands for "Quite easily done," an acronym that Hyder, a long-time math professor at Milligan, often wrote next to his hardest math problems, according to Jeanes. The award recognizes Milligan staff and faculty who did more than expected of them and made their jobs "look easy."

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Maintenance finds cure for chronic Hart burn

Air conditioning replacement work ahead of schedule, says Beattie

By Marc Marshall

Director of physical plant Leonard Beattie said Monday that the Hart Hall air conditioning project would be finishing ahead of schedule.

"The goal is to have things done by the time CIY starts on June 10," said Beattie. "We were aiming for mid June, but it looks like it will be completed a couple of weeks early."

The replacement of air conditioning units was thoroughly discussed for a year by those involved. This, coupled with detailed planning and a joint effort by all involved, has moved the work ahead of schedule.

"All of the units on the first floor we're running today (Tuesday)," said Beattie.

Since September 2001, Hart Hall has been the site of a major air conditioning replacement project. The project has cost \$1 million, said Beattie.

The board of trustees approved for the funds to be borrowed internally, said Joe Whitaker, vice president for business and finance. "We have some unrestricted investments from which we are borrowing."

Milligan College is the main contractor that is overseeing the renovations from start to finish. Milligan has contracted a majority of the work to local contractors.

They include Burleson Electric Co., Massey Electric Co., S.B. White Co., Johnson Controls, E.S.G. and Frye Construction.

The E.S.G. Company is an energy management company. "They were hired by Milligan to evaluate the energy costs," said Beattie. Milligan didn't just want to replace the air conditioners; Milligan wanted to do it efficiently too.

Although the system was 15 years beyond its expiration date, "it was failing rapidly," said Beattie.

Due to condensation and water leaks, the air-conditioning units were ruining the closets, tiles under the closets and the contents within the closets.

Along with a completely new air conditioning system, Hart has also received a new hard-wired fire alarm system, like that of Webb Hall.

The hallways will have drop ceilings to cover the piping that was installed for the individual air conditioning units as well as new lighting.

"Exhaust fans have been installed, which we've never had," said Beattie. Missing floor tiles will also be replaced.

Each suite will have control of an air conditioning unit. The hallways will also be regulated by the new system.

During the school year men have been working in the dorms from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For the protection of the residents' belongings and safety, a female security guard was hired.

During the longer school breaks, such as Easter and Christmas, the construction workers did "major things," said Beattie. "We've had up to 46 workers in there, but normally 25-30."

Carpenters from Frye Construction are finishing the final touches. They are responsible for replacing the closets that were removed to put in the new units.

"We're having to cut off three inches on all the closets," said owner Steve Frye.

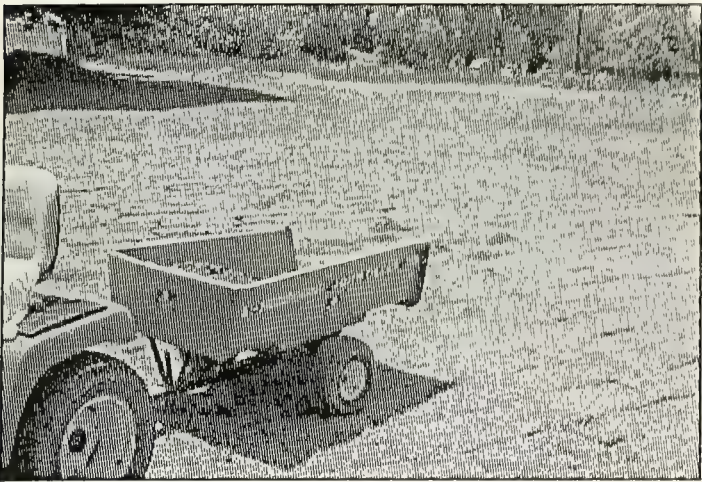
This was a long-awaited project, said Beattie. "We'll have no more ruined clothes, I guess."

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Crowning achievement: The repairs will raise the center of the field to allow better drainage. *Photos by Marc Marshall.*

Do-it-yourself field repairs save college \$15,000

Garvilla says soccer field will be ready for play in six weeks.

By Marc Marshall

Women's head soccer coach John Garvilla and a local contractor have partnered to correct drainage problems on the northern soccer field this week.

"There are a lot of times when we can't use them because they are under water," said Garvilla. "We're thankful for the fields, we just need to fix them." These problems have prompted the soccer department to raise the height of the field in several areas.

Work started on May 14 and should be finished by Friday.

Robert Suhy, who owns a company called Cutters Edge, is supervising the work. Garvilla was introduced to Suhy by a neighbor. Suhy's company specializes in surveying plots of land in need of corrective work. With the use of a transit, a piece of surveying equipment, Suhy was able to identify the low spots.

Suhy estimated the largest area to be about 20,000 square feet. At the center of the field, the height is 12 inches lower than the goal lines. "This is supposed to be 12 inches higher than the goal lines, so we have a 24 inches difference we need to make up," added Suhy.

According to Garvilla, once the low spots were identified, the grass from those areas was cut using sod cutters. "The only investment (for the start of the project) was \$75 for those sod cutters," he said. After the grass was cut, several workers with shovels cut the strips into 10-foot sections, each weighing 40 pounds. The sections were then rolled up

and carried to the edge of the field.

Assistant coach Matt Thomas was covered with sweat as he carried rolls off the field. Temperatures were in the high 80s, and Thomas called the work "awful."

The low spots were then filled with topsoil. Ten tandem truckloads of topsoil have been trucked in to complete this project.

"I got a great rate on the top soil, saving \$1,600 and another \$3,000 saved on the sand," said Garvilla. The sand will be used to spread across the grass once its been relayed. Garvilla

said Bermuda grass grows well with the use of sand.

Aside from the contractor, the coaching staff of the men and women's soccer teams is doing all the labor. Individuals involved include Thomas, Andy Stoots, Cindy Lee, Marty Shirley and Garvilla.

"We are saving thousands of dollars," said Garvilla.

Suhy agreed. "With Garvilla cutting the sod and relaying it, he's saving \$8,000 alone," he said.

"Labor for this type of work costs \$15-20 per hour," said Suhy. "With them working 10 hour days and multiplying that by five guys and four days, that's a savings of more than \$2,400."

The money that paid for the sand and dirt came from the soccer fund. "Over the last five years, we have raised over \$250,000," said Garvilla. The players raise some of their own money as well as volunteer at the Bristol Motor Speedway.

"We will be able to play on it in six weeks," said Garvilla.

According to Mark Fox, vice president for student development, the soccer fields were originally completed for free by the Army Corps of Engineers just four year ago. Having the Army do it was a very "economical project," said Fox.

The savings continue for this project too.

"Suhy's giving us a great deal," Garvilla said.

"And it keeps getting better as the job takes longer," said Suhy with a laugh.

Daughter of professor found safe in Florida

By John Hammon

Members of the Milligan community were thanking God on Thursday morning after police notified Associate Professor of Sociology Rubye Beck and her family that her 16-year-old daughter and a friend were found safe. She and a friend ran away from home on May 18.

According to a campus-wide e-mail sent by Phil Kenneson, professor of Bible and philosophy, "Claire Beck and her friend were found safe by the police" in St. Augustine, Fla. Professor Beck and her husband, Scott, are en route to Florida to pick her up. The Kennesons attend the same church as the Becks, according to Academic Dean Mark Matson.

In his e-mail, Kenneson thanked people for praying. "There are obviously going to be some rough times ahead." For now, however, Claire Beck is safe and will soon be reunited with her family.

Picnic unites staff

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Jeanes presented this year's awards to Psychology Professor Bert Allen, Allen and Lori Trent of housekeeping and maintenance, and Bookstore Manager Jonathan Robinson.

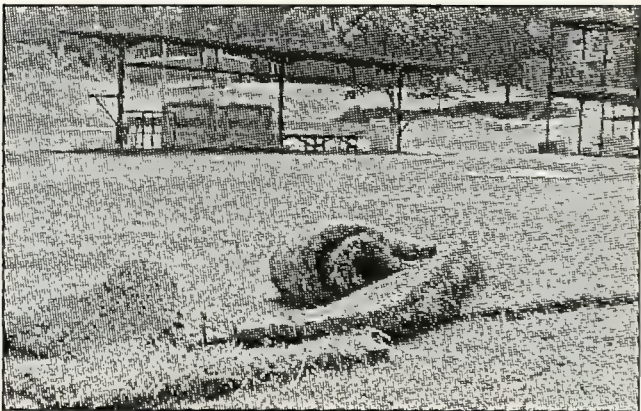
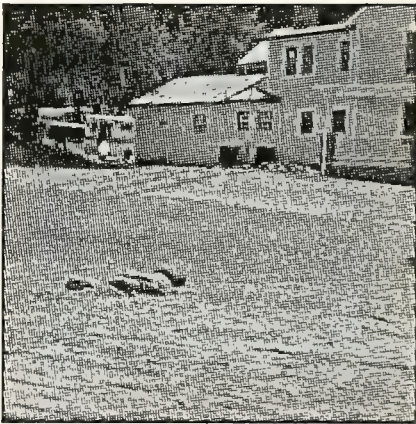
The Trents later said they were both excited about their awards, describing the experience as a "total surprise" and a "real honor." They expressed gratitude over the appreciation the award represents and the applause they received upon the announcement, saying "We appreciate the award, and it's really a great honor."

Jeanes also awarded plaques to staff and faculty who this year reached a five-year milestone in their service to the college, from five to 35 years. Among those who were recognized were professors Woolard and David Runner for 25 years, Susan Higgins for 30 years, and Gene Nix for reaching 35 years with Milligan College.

Professors Pat Magness and Craig Farmer were also recognized for their work in leading the SACS self-study and given Milligan College portfolios as gifts.

Work in progress.

Right: Grid shows placement of new sod. Taylor House is in the background.
Bottom: Rolls of sod await placement over the additional soil base.



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May term draws fewer students than expected

Matson calls enrollment for new option 'disappointing,' cites lack of awareness

By John Hammon

Only 15 students took May term classes, a smaller than expected enrollment in the program's first year, according to Academic Dean Mark Matson.

There were 17 May classes offered, 13 available to all students and four that were specific to the occupational therapy department.

According to Administrative Assistant for Academic Affairs Armen Allen, the plan was to keep classes open if they had four or more students registered. Usually classes with enrollments over seven are accepted for fall or spring term classes, and over five is acceptable for summer classes. For the May term, professors were offered full pay for classes with enrollments as low as four.

According to Allen, with a minimum as low as four, most classes were expected to turn out. Despite this, eight of the open classes were cancelled because of low turnout. Some of the remaining classes have only two or three students.

These classes began the Monday after spring finals and lasted three weeks, until May. They offered students a way to take summer hours without the hassle of moving out of dorms and then returning or having conflicts with job opportunities or internships.

Matson described enrollment for the May term as "disappointing," however, noting that several classes were cancelled because of lack of interest, and overall enrollment was surprisingly low.

The reason for the low turnout, according to Matson, could be that not enough students had heard of the opportunity. "It's new, and students don't all know that it's an option," he said.

"I don't suppose it was advertised very well," Allen said. "We extended the dead-

line, but as far as I know we didn't get any extra students that way."

There were many reasons for beginning the classes. Summer enrollment the last several years has dropped, according to Matson, and other colleges have been offering May terms which are more convenient for students because they are "contiguous with spring."

In addition, the classes last only three weeks, which gives students the opportunity to get the extra hours without sacrificing a large portion of their summer.

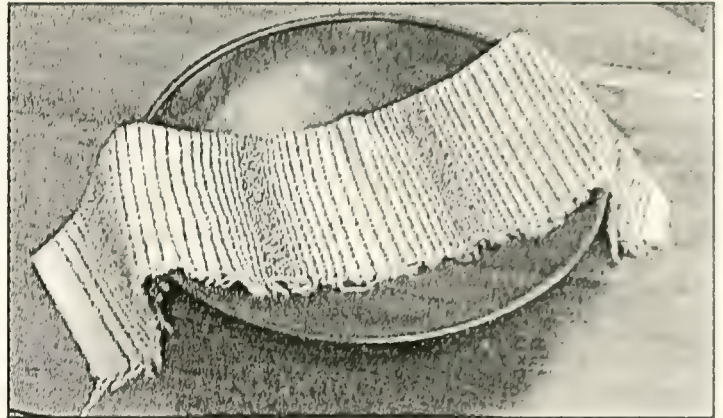
The cost for May classes was also less than the cost of summer classes. At \$270, May classes cost \$15 less per credit hour than summer courses.

Another reason for the classes, according to Matson, was to offer students a way to raise their grade-point averages over the summer. In the past many students have done this by taking community college classes and transferring them in.

But according to Matson, due to a recent change, those credits no longer count towards a student's grade-point average. This makes the May term an important option for students who play sports and need to raise their grades to gain eligibility as well as for students who are on academic probation.

Matson is optimistic about the future of May term, saying it will definitely be offered next year and probably will be offered for at least the next three years. He believes that turnout will increase once students become more aware of the opportunity.

Matson also pointed out that the May classes have worked well for the occupational therapy department, noting that only one of the four OT classes was cancelled. Each of the remaining three drew eight to 18 students.



Between ceremonies, the new basin and towel resides in Mark Matson's office. Photo by John Hammon.

Spring commencement features new tradition

To symbolize service, basin and towel now part of procession alongside mace

By John Hammon

This year's graduation ceremony featured more than just the honoring of another class of graduates. The event was also the first time a new tradition was put into practice, the addition of the basin and towel, alongside the mace, during the ceremony.

According to the Milligan College Commencement program, "The Milligan Mace symbolizes the authority of the College to award degrees and is traditionally carried at the head of the academic procession by an honored senior member of the faculty."

The basin and towel were added this year to emphasize the role of servanthood in that authority.

The mace is a familiar symbol at Milligan. It is the large, wooden, scepter-like object that is always present at ceremonial events such as graduation and matriculation.

The mace is carried by a long-serving faculty member who leads the procession to the stage.

Carolyn Woolard carried the mace at the spring commencement and the basin and towel

was carried by first-year professor Jill LeRoy-Frazier.

However, in addition to being a symbol of authority, the mace was originally an implement of war. Milligan College professor Phil Kenneson thought that the symbol was not a positive representative of a Christian institution, and suggested the addition of the basin and towel, a

'The basin and towel ... symbolize the lives of Christian service to which the College and its members are dedicated.'

reference to Jesus' role as a servant in washing the feet of the disciples.

Kenneson said the basin and towel put an "emphasis on Jesus serving rather than being served."

He spoke about the idea with other faculty members and decided to take the idea to Academic Dean Mark Matson. Matson and Milligan College President Don Jeanes liked the idea and asked former head of

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Basketball Lady Buffs loaded for next season

Coach Aubrey's outlook 'very optimistic'

By John Hammon

The Milligan College women's basketball team will receive two big boosts next season. The team will be joined by Kari Stout, a 5-foot-7-inch freshman guard from Hampton, Tenn., and six-foot-one-inch transfer forward Cassie Howard from Salyersville, Ky.

The team could have its best season since the graduation of point guard April Manuel and All-American center Becky Sells in 2000. The team lost only one senior, reserve forward Heather Eckman, and is adding at least two and possibly as many as four major recruiting targets.

Coach Rich Aubrey said that he is "very optimistic" about next season. Guard Elizabeth Henter described next year's team as "promising."

Stout averaged 18 points per game and led the Hampton Lady Bulldogs to the District 1-AA tournament championship. She was the MVP of

the All-Carter/Johnson County basketball team and was the main recruiting target this season, according to Aubrey. She signed last Monday after giving a verbal commitment a month ago.

"She's very, very, good," said Aubrey. "She's going to help us right off the bat."

'We're adding to a very solid defensive team... The players are very hungry.'

-Rich Aubrey

Howard, who is the sister of James Howard, a center for the men's team, attended Milligan during the spring semester and has been working with the team to stay in playing form. According to Aubrey, she is a good shooter and will provide much needed offensive ability to next year's team.

Aubrey said that both players can shoot the ball very well and will provide more offense to a team that averaged just 57

points last season and shot just 36.7 percent, including just 26.5 percent from three-point range, according to the Milligan College website.

On the other hand, last year's defense was strong, holding teams to 64 points per game and only a 41percent field-goal percentage. They also out rebounded opponents by an average of two boards per game. If the new recruits can add offense to the already available defensive and rebounding ability, Aubrey believes the Lady Buffs could improve significantly from last season's 9-17 record.

"We're adding to a very solid defensive team," he said. "The players we have coming back have worked very hard to make themselves better." He added that after two straight losing seasons, his players are "very hungry."

Aubrey said the team can contend for the conference championship, depending on whether the team is joined by one or both of the remaining recruiting targets and all of last year's underclassmen players return.

"The challenge for our players is to work together and move forward," said Aubrey, "but I'm excited about next year."

Basin and towel

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the Bible area, Bill Gwaltney, who made the mace, to make a matching basin.

According to the commencement program, "The basin and towel carried at the head of the academic procession symbolize the lives of Christian service to which the College and its members are dedicated. They remind us of our Savior, who came not to be served but to serve, of his example as he washed the feet of his disciples, and of our commitment to humble service."

According to Kenneson, the towel used in the graduation ceremony was borrowed from Crossroads Missions, the on-campus missions organization located in the basement of Sutton Hall.

He said the towel was appropriate because it is "tied directly to students and their service."

The basin and towel will be a permanent feature at future Milligan College ceremonial events and will be carried by junior faculty members.

Gwaltney originally gave the mace to the school as a gift upon the appointing of Jeanes as president. It will continue to be featured alongside the basin and towel.

Despite the possibility that an implement of war is a bad representation of a Christian college, according to Matson, the Milligan mace is a part of the college tradition. The mace and the basin and towel will represent authority alongside servanthood.

College to install, run new phone system

Smith predicts better service, lower cost; staff member to be added

By Marc Marshall

Milligan College is planning to operate its own telephone system, according to director of information technology Mike Smith.

Smith said Milligan College's current phone system, a Centrex system, is provided to businesses by the local phone company.

The four-person information technology staff will run the new phone system. "We will be hiring one more person later this summer, and aside from that, we should be able to handle all of the functions and demands of an internal telephone system," Smith said.

The IT department will handle features that Centrex didn't provide, such as voice mail and conferencing abilities.

"We will also be responsible for all new phone service orders and repairs," he said.

Smith predicted that the college would have a much better phone service overall.

People of the Milligan community will no longer have to

wait a week or two to have a request completed.

"We can take care of things right away," said Smith. "We will have much better control of the requests."

Smith called the change a "significant investment," but said that once the initial costs are paid off, the school will save \$100,000 a year.

The initial payment for the system will come from the monies that are already spent on a monthly basis to pay the telephone bill, said Smith. "We will just allocate those payments in a different way."

Smith said that he did not know how long the pay off would take; that plan was to be decided by the cabinet on May 29.

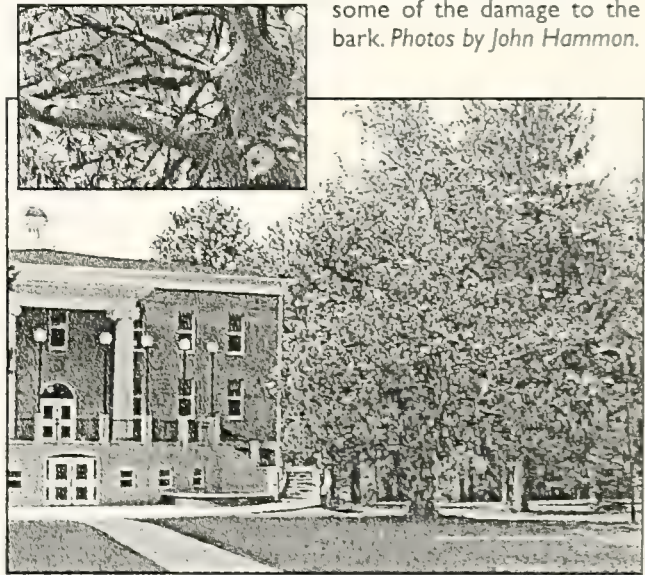
"The college has a lease arrangement to pay for the initial equipment," said Smith.

The equipment to facilitate such a system will be kept in the IT department. "We will have a rather large switch at IT and several smaller ones at various locations throughout the campus," said Smith.

"For students, the new system will enhance features of phone service and add features not currently available," said Smith.

Goodbye, old friend

The large, familiar magnolia tree between Derthick and Hardin halls will soon be a memory, the victim of age and poor care through the years, according to President Don Jeanes. It will be cut down this summer during the Commons landscaping project. The photo at left shows some of the damage to the bark. Photos by John Hammon.



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Student crash case remains unsolved



Junior Andrew Baxter recovers at home after his accident August 22. Baxter plans on returning to school Spring 2003.

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Copy Editor

Milligan students Michael Adkins, 34, and Andrew Baxter, 21, collided head-on on Interstate 181 at 2:02 a.m. on Aug. 22. Adkins suffered fatal injuries and Baxter was transported to Johnson City Medical Center.

According to Baxter, Adkins was traveling south in the northbound lane of I-181 near exit 35, State of Franklin Rd, with his headlights off. Baxter said he was driving in the left lane and looked down to adjust the music.

When he looked back at the road, Adkins' car was coming directly towards him. Baxter said he knew there was no time to swerve from the path of the oncoming vehicle.

Adkins was pronounced dead at the scene. His

funeral was held Aug. 25.

Baxter passed out upon impact and remembers waking up with a throbbing right foot. He attempted to move it and tried to break through the window with his left elbow. Much to Baxter's surprise, an officer was already on the scene and told him to hold on because they were going to get him out. The time was 2:07 a.m. according to the Johnson City Police report.

Baxter remembers waking up again lying in a hospital bed in great pain. His parents had already arrived from Kingsport. Baxter was in stable condition with a crushed foot, broken pelvis and sore lower back.

Tamara Baxter, Andrew's mother, later said she woke up on the night of Aug. 22 with instant concern for Andrew's safety. She somehow knew to pray for her son's safety. She looked at

her clock; the time was about 2 a.m.

About the same time his mother prayed, Baxter realized he was not wearing his seatbelt and fastened it. Two minutes later, the two cars collided. Four paramedics said that Baxter should not have survived.

Officer Andy Clevinger handled the case and was unavailable for comment.

According to the police report, both Adkins and Baxter had been drinking. The report also indicates that Baxter was under the influence of drugs.

Blood alcohol content reports are not available for four to five weeks after samples are taken, according to Dave Pierce of the Johnson City Police.

The Johnson City Medical Center took unofficial samples but cannot release information except to family members with

written consent.

"I had a couple with a friend of mine over at his house, probably two or three beers," Baxter said. He said he drank the alcohol earlier in the evening. "I have a thing where I don't drink and drive. I never got drunk during the evening." He said he believed his ability to drive was not impaired by the alcohol.

Baxter admits to smoking marijuana that same evening, "a few hits or something like that, very casual," he said. "I'm never going to touch drugs again."

"It's been the worst and best week of my life...it's gotten me to prioritize my life, to reflect. I'm so thankful to be alive."

No drug charges will be pressed. Baxter will continue physical therapy at home and will be in a wheelchair for approximately two months.

Re-evaluation of OT department concludes in October

Alison Waters
Reporter

Because of industry-wide fluctuations that have caused a decrease in the Occupational Therapy program's enrollment, Milligan plans to reevaluate and determine the feasibility of continuing the program.

According to Dan Poff, director and associate professor of occupational therapy, the college currently has three options to consider for the future of the OT department. One is continuing the program as is, but this could result in the college losing money by maintaining the program and continuing the salary of necessary instructors. Another option is to shut down completely after the current class completes their degrees. A third option is to claim inactive status for up to three years in order to observe availability and enrollment. Inactive status can last up to three years before it begins to affect accreditation.

The decision is expected to be made by the

president and the board, with input from the occupational therapy faculty and the academic dean and should be announced sometime in October.

"I am surprised that there is not more interest in the graduate program," said junior Janae Davenport, who planned on entering Milligan's OT program upon graduation. "The possibility of the occupational therapy school closing is leaving several students, along with myself, frustrated because we planned to complete our master's degree at Milligan."

As a result of this reevaluation, the college decided not to admit a new class of OT students for the fall of 2002. Poff said that one possible reason for a decline in student interest is that the American Occupational Therapy Association, the national association that Milligan's program is associated with, has not marketed the career very much recently.

Many public institutions are funded with

research money, but as a private college, there are very few scholarships and assistantships offered, Poff said. He also said that private institutions often get the overflow of applicants who are not accepted to the less expensive public programs.

An e-mail from President Don Jeanes on July 23 informed the Milligan community of this decision and assured them that "[current MSOT students] will be able to finish their study in Milligan's program."

Poff says that this is just an issue that private colleges have to deal with.

"The status of our program isn't reflective of the industry; the outlook is excellent. The demand is up and all of our graduates are employed, it just hasn't translated into student numbers," he said.

"The possibility of the occupational therapy school closing is leaving several students, along with myself frustrated..."

-Janae Davenport, junior

Feature

Scholarships named for ministers in various fields

Six awards given in conjunction with new Youth in Ministry partnership

Abby Conley
Reporter

Early on Tuesday, Aug. 27, those instrumental in creating the new Youth in Ministry (YiM) program gathered in the Fireside Lounge in Milligan's Student Union Building to launch YiM and dedicate scholarships honoring individuals whose careers are an active ministry.

"Today's youth have lots of questions about their future and about how they can make a difference in this world," said Phyllis Fox, YiM program director. "Many of them don't yet know what career they will pursue, or what God is calling them to do, or whether God might even be calling them into full time ministry. The YiM program is designed to help teens find those answers."

To fulfill the goal of YiM, several summits and conferences are offered throughout the year.

Additionally, partnerships are being made with local programs such as Ground Zero ministries, state conferences, and national programs such as Christ in Youth (CIY) to reach an estimated 15,000 teens annually, according to Fox.

By offering YiM classes at Milligan's CIY conferences, Fox says that over 1,000

teens have already been reached.

To make attendance to YiM's various half-day youth summits, whole-day workshops, and week-long summer conferences possible, Milligan President Don Jeanes and Emmanuel School of Religion President Bob Wetzel dedicated six scholarships.

"All Christians are, in a sense, ministers and leaders in Christian service," Jeanes said. "Every Christian has something to offer God and can use that gift in various professions to do God's work, whether as a teacher, a doctor, a lawyer, a counselor or a full-time minister or missionary."

In light of this belief, the following scholarships were named for people who view their professions as a ministry as well as a career: the Bob Robinson YiM Scholarship in Ministry, the Mark Webb YiM Scholarship in Healthcare, the Lynn Hornsby YiM Scholarship in Community Service, the Joe Gregory YiM Scholarship in Business, the John O'Dell YiM Scholarship in Education and the Gene



YiM program director Phyllis Fox delivers a speech at the Fireside Lounge in the Student Union Building early Tuesday morning. Six scholarships were named for people who view their professions as ministry.

Photo by Jason Harville

Wilkes YiM Scholarship in Servant Leadership.

To qualify for these scholarships, students must be interested in pursuing a career in the corresponding field and write an essay describing how God has led them to a life of ministry said Jeanes.

SONFEST invites community for festival

Paige Wassel
Managing Editor

On Saturday, Sept. 7, WCQR and Milligan College will co-host SONFEST, a "back-to school community festival" focusing on community both on-campus and in the surrounding area.

"We saw it as an opportunity for our two organizations to partner together and do something bigger than we can do separately," said Joe Wise, director of development at Milligan and director of the SONFEST festival.

From 2-7 p.m., students, local visitors and youth groups can eat, participate in the inflatable games and look at ministry exhibits on Pardee lawn and the tennis courts. At 7 p.m., a worship service led by Ronda Paulson and Esther's Request will be held in Seeger Chapel, Wise said.

"We expect several thousand to

participate," Wise said.

Although there is no charge for the event, individuals may make donations of money or school supplies to Good Samaritan Ministries.

Wise said that the purpose of this festival is to provide a way for the college to connect with the neighboring community, benefit Good Samaritan Ministries and provide a service to in-need families.

Youth groups have been encouraged to participate in Youth Challenge at SONFEST. Each

youth group comprises a team that can earn points through games and contests going on throughout the day. The youth groups can then solicit pledges for Good Samaritan based on the number of points they earn at the event. Recognition will be given to "the

group that raised the most funds, the greatest amount raised per group member, and the individual who raised the most support for families in need," according to a recent press release.

Director of Student Life Danielle Booth said she will be working to advertise the event on campus to raise student awareness.

"I would love for the community to see what a great group of people are here on campus and to be exposed to a positive Christian community event," Booth said. "I would also hope that this event helps to tie in more community with our students here on campus."

WCQR has been promoting SONFEST and will provide a live remote on the day of the event, Wise said.

SONFEST is also the first event held as a part of the new Youth in Ministry program created by Milligan College and Emmanuel School of Religion. The goal of YiM is to "encourage teens to explore more deeply the roots of their Christian faith, to examine their vocational aspirations and to consider a career in Christian ministry," according to a recent press release.

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Sports

Heads up: Buff Volleyball

Lady Buffs kick-off season with 3-1 conference victory

Myra O'Dell
Reporter

The hosting Lady Buffs volleyball team opened their season with 3-1 conference win Thursday, August 29 against Union College.

The first game was a slow start for the Lady Buffs, but they battled into the game with a score of 12-12. The game continued with a close score until reaching 21-21 when Milligan made a run, finishing the game at 30-22. The Lady Buffs carried the momentum over to the beginning of the second game, taking an early 10-2 lead and continued successfully to win the second game. Union College fought back into the match by winning a close third game with a score of 30-28. The fourth game was close, but senior Wendy Weaver served the last points for the win.

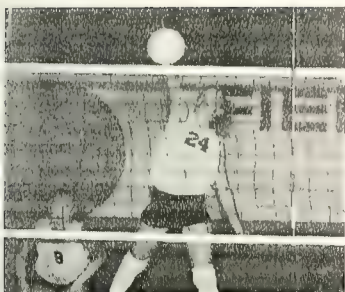
In Tuesday night's match against UVA-Wise, Milligan won in three games with scores 30-17, 30-19, 30-21.

New head coach Kim Hyatt will lead this year's team which includes seniors Heather Lanning, Christina Medlin, Melody Black, Melanie Reed, Christianne Figueroa, Wendy Weaver, junior Theresa Butler, sophomores Lindsey Wetherholt, Melissa Mills, and Sarah Bear, and freshmen Amanda Caldwell, Kari Meredith, Karissa Schrage, Joy Dobbs, and Katie Mullins.

Over the first weekend in September, the Lady Buffs traveled to play nonconference tournament matches. They lost to Augusta State (17-30, 26-30, 22-30) but won against North Carolina Central (30-25, 30-19, 24-30, 30-27) and Pfeiffer College (30-26, 30-22, 27-30, 30-27).

The following Tuesday, Milligan hosted a match with conference team UVA-Wise. They won in three games (30-17, 30-19, 30-21).

Seniors Wendy Weaver and Christina Medlin led the team with 15 kills each and senior Heather Lanning led with 19 assists.



Senior Wendy Weaver spikes the ball during a volleyball game. Weaver helped to lead the Buffs to victories in the conference. Photo by Jason Harville



Sophomore Sarah Bear sets for Milligan in the conference game on Thursday. Milligan won the conference 3-1. Photo by Jason Harville

Wirkus suspended by NAIA for possible violation

Lesley Jenkins
Reporter

Starting goalie for the Milligan College Lady Buffaloes soccer team, Emma Wirkus, has been suspended by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The NAIA suspended Wirkus because of a possible violation of playing in a professional soccer league this summer.

The NAIA, the athletic conference that Milligan participates in, does not allow college players to participate in professional leagues while still playing for a college team.

Wirkus said, "I played in the W-League this summer for the amateur team Asheville Splash. They had recently placed a press release on their website because they had changed from a professional league, named Blue Ridge Rapids, to the W-League."

According to Milligan's women's head soccer coach Marty Shirley, the issue began shortly before the season when the NAIA

investigated the top scorer last season, CiCi Marrero, of Brevard College's women's soccer team. Brevard's head coach filed a complaint stating Milligan College also had an illegal player on the alleged professional team.

Since the investigation started, Marrero left Brevard and went to a Division 1 school in Florida to play soccer. Wirkus is the only collegiate player who is suspended while

the rest of the 20 players for the Splash have returned to their colleges to continue playing.

"The W-League and the Asheville Splash wrote to the NAIA and retracted the statement that it was a pro team, but the NAIA still has to go through the complete legislative process," said Wirkus.

By the time the NAIA decides the case, Wirkus will have already missed five games this season. Shirley said that goalie Abby Armstrong is "doing a heck of a job" while Wirkus remains sidelined. He said it is hard knowing that "I only have one goalie to play right now. If Abby gets hurt then we'll have to use a field player."

The NAIA will make a decision on Sept. 16 concerning Wirkus and whether or not she will be reinstated to play for Milligan for the remainder of the season. Until this decision is made Wirkus will continue to be suspended from playing.

Wirkus said all the proper paperwork was completed by Coach Shirley, Mark Fox and Don Jeanes for the NAIA to review the case 10 business days from when they receive the paperwork. The NAIA should reach their decision by Sept. 6.

Shirley said, "I would be completely surprised if the NAIA didn't come back with the decision to let Emma play."



Starting goalie Emma Wirkus blocks a shot at a Milligan soccer game. Wirkus has been suspended by the NAIA for a possible violation of playing in a professional soccer league this summer.

"I only have one goalie to play right now. If Abby gets hurt then we'll have to use a field player."

-Marty Shirley

Editorials

Senioritis: Random thoughts on life as a buffalo



Christian McKay
Editor in Chief

In the past week I've come to a very important self-realization...I am not funny.

When I tossed around the idea of writing a column for my beloved Stampede, I envisioned a humorous piece full of witty repartee, a la Dave Barry. No such luck.

This left me pondering the mystery of why some people have the gift of making people laugh and others don't.

I mean what makes Mel

Brooks, Jim Carey and the Monty Python crew funnier than Christian McKay?

Apparently a lot.

Perhaps researchers some day will find a "funny gene" located on the 14th pair of chromosomes or linked to the same trait that causes male patterned baldness or the tendency to like boy bands. I don't know, just a thought.

Perhaps I should look into this possibility.

In the meantime I'll have to stick to random observations about the Milligan College community. I mean, lots of

funny stuff goes on here.

For example, this summer the speed bumps mysteriously and without warning began to multiply on campus. This wouldn't be a problem normally, however, several upperclassmen found themselves faced head on with the bump when they came back to campus this fall.

These bumps caused several major problems, including shouts of a few choice words during first encounters and the toppling of a trailer full of innocent cows traveling through

campus at a high rate of speed.

Never fear, though. The bumps have now been clearly marked with giant yellow arrows so you are reminded of your meetings by the flecks of yellow paint on the bottom of your car after scraping across.

One of my fellow editors was quick to point out that the arrows make her feel like she's in the Nintendo game Mario Kart, which adds a little flavor to driving on campus.

As if the speed bump anomaly isn't enough, at least 50 percent of the trees

on campus have strangely disappeared to make way for new engraved bricks.

Among the disappearing trees are a giant magnolia, who had already suffered enough by having the lower part of her limbs removed last year, and the infamous Hopwood tree, which miraculously sprang up from Mrs. Hopwood's riding crop at Milligan's foundation.

I don't know about you, but if my riding crop suddenly sprang roots when I stuck it in the ground I'd be pretty mad if someone pulled it out.

Milligan announces Vault's Online Career Center Library



Lesley Jenkins
Reporter

The Milligan College Career Center announces the new Online Career Center Library powered by Vault. Vault is an online career resource that develops personalized career libraries for universities and colleges.

John Paul Abner, career center director, worked throughout the summer months to obtain access to the library. Abner said that he found out about

the career library through an e-mail. Vault was currently offering a waived setup fee that made it possible for Abner to purchase access to the career library for the college's career center.

"Milligan lacks a nice career library. The Vault Career Library is a very complete career development library," Abner said.

Abner said each student can download thousands of dollars worth of books to help them in choosing a career, interviewing for a job, profiling potential companies to work for, and even help them prepare to manage their finances.

The Vault Online Career Library can be found by accessing Milligan College's website at www.milligan.edu and the "Student Life" link. Selecting "Career Development" from the pull-down list. When prompted, enter the password "milligancareers."

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In the nation: from the wire

Sept. 13: President Bush called for the United Nations to take action against Saddam Hussein by enforcing their policies on weapons disarmament and repression of his people.

Bush did not formally state that the United States will declare war against Iraq if action is not taken against Hussein, but rather implied it. "The just demands of peace and security will be met, or action will be unavoidable and a regime that has lost its legitimacy will also lose its power," Bush said.

Sept. 14: Five men of Arab-American descent were arrested in Buffalo, N.Y. and charged with operating an active Al Qaeda cell in the United States by providing material support. It appears this group may have received weapons training in Afghanistan in 2001, but FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III said there was no evidence to suggest that this group was planning a forthcoming attack within the United States.

No evidence ties the Al Qaeda to the Sept. 11 attacks. Family and friends of the group protested their arrest, calling it an "anti-Muslim witchhunt."

Sept. 15: Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud-al Faisal implied that Saudi Arabia would let the United States use their military bases to launch an attack against Iraq if the United Nations supported action against Hussein.

Sept. 16: Secretary General Kofi Annan said that Iraq would let international weapons inspectors to return to the country "without conditions." This appears to be Iraq's attempt to relieve the pressure the United States has been putting on the country to disarm their weapons.

However, the United States is skeptical that this offer will change the status quo, since Iraq did not actually offer to disarm their weapons or reveal the status of their weapons program, according to a senior State Department official.

All information for these stories was gathered from news articles published by The New York Times and compiled by Paige Wassel.

Admissions area expands to include a multi-cultural recruiting position at Milligan

Christian McKay
Editor-In-Chief

Milligan added another member and another aspect to its recruiting team this fall, with the new position of multi-cultural recruiting, filled by Troy Anderson.

"Milligan has much to offer students spiritually, academically and socially," said David Mee, vice president for enrollment management. "It is our desire that the message of Milligan be communicated with students from all backgrounds. While this focus will certainly include the recruitment of new students, it will also impact, we believe, current efforts on campus to bring greater sensitivity and awareness to a variety of multi-cultural issues."

"Quite simply, we hope to benefit every member of the Milligan community, students, faculty and staff, by ensuring that our community reflects God's creation, and the Christian community at large."

Mee said the enhancement of multi-cultural recruiting was included as a goal in strategic planning for enrollment management of the college. He said that to accomplish this goal, the admissions staff felt it was important to have an individual organizing efforts in this area, while still working with other traditional admissions counselor duties.

Anderson grew up in Knoxville, Tenn., where he graduated from Farragut High School in 1989. After high school, he attended East Tennessee State University, majoring

in business with a marketing emphasis.

Before Milligan, Anderson worked as a Senior Merchandise Sales Manager at JCPenney and then at Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.

He has been married for almost four years and has two children.

Anderson said he was attracted to the idea of working as a Milligan admissions counselor because of the atmosphere.

"I am currently over the college-age ministry at my church and what a greater way to influence students by being on this campus," Anderson said.

Anderson will be in charge of recruiting in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland and northeast Tennessee, as well as bringing in a more diverse population to Milligan.

"My job responsibilities as a multi-cultural recruiter are to organize efforts related to the enhancement of minority student enrollment at Milligan. I also contribute to various ethnic diversity discussions and initiatives, etc., currently being carried out on campus," Anderson said. "I will develop a network of leaders in the minority community, (including) churches, schools, businesses, who possess the ability to identify and encourage the enrollment of minority students."

Anderson said his goals for the position include increasing the number of minority applicants and eventually the number of minority students attending Milligan.

He will also be a member of the



Troy Anderson brings experience in marketing and interpersonal skills to the new position of multi-cultural recruiting

-Photo courtesy of Milligan College

Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee, chaired by Phil Kenneson.

Mee said that Anderson was chosen for this position because of his experience in marketing, as well as his interests and skills that match the position of admissions counselor.

"Troy is a leader at New Covenant Family Church in Johnson City, a multi-cultural congregation that has effectively reached out to high school and college-age students in the Tri-Cities region," Mee said. "Troy has a passion for ministering to the needs of every student with whom he comes in contact."

Blood drive tops numbers from last year

SGA and Red Cross thank participants for success

Mary Stephens
Reporter

The Student Government Association held its first meeting of the year on Tues., Sept. 10.

The highlight of their meeting was

the success of the blood drive SGA sponsored earlier that day.

The timing of the drive was especially important, as it acknowledged the significance of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Seventy units of blood were donated compared to last year's record of 55 units. The success encourages the future sponsorship of blood drives in November and February.

Jason Harville, SGA vice president,

later expressed gratitude in an e-mail sent to all students.

"The Red Cross wanted me to thank all of you as well. We were the best college they have worked with in a long time and are looking forward to coming back," he said.

Because many were turned away, changes will be made to make donation a simpler and more efficient process by replacing the bloodmobile with more beds for donors.

Feature

Milligan changes to new phone system

John Hampton

Reporter

Late last spring, Milligan began work on a new campus phone system.

The project essentially required the purchase of a new phone switch and rewiring many campus buildings.

"Voice mail allows callers to leave messages when the line is busy whereas answering machines do not."

-Mike Smith
Director of Information Technology

Though originally planned to be running for the fall 2002 semester registration, certain delays have set back that date.

"We still do not have a firm date, but things appear to have been progressing better than expected over the past two weeks," said Mike Smith, director of information technology. "We are within a couple of weeks of making the

switch."

The new system will feature voice mail for every room. Smith recommends the use of these new voice mail systems over standard answering machines.

"If you have an answering machine in

your room we would recommend that you use the voice mail system instead," Smith said. "Voice mail allows callers to leave messages when the line is busy whereas answering machines do not."

Another added feature to the system is the addition of caller id on all capable phones.

After the new phone system is in place, calls Bristol and Kingsport will no longer incur long distance charges. However in Elizabethton, only calls to city and county offices will be without cost to students.

Perhaps the biggest change with the implementation is the new telephone numbers for all student housing. Faculty and staff numbers will remain the same after the system switch.

The new system will work much like a large office building. Calls to students from off-campus phones will be dialed through a main access number, (423) 461-8300.

The caller will be prompted to enter the room extension for the appropriate student. The extension system is formulaic; each is a four-digit number, the first digit representing a dormitory.

The smaller dormitories and MSA will all begin with 1, then a respective number indicating which dorm is being called. One is the A-frame, 2 is Williams, 3 is Guillen, 4 is Kepley and 5 is MSA. The last two remaining digits for these smaller dorms will be the suite or room number.

The first digit for Hart Hall is 2, Sutton is 4 and Webb is 5. The last three digits are the room number.

While off-campus callers will need to dial the main access number followed by the room's extension, intercampus callers will need to only dial the four-digit extension.

After the system is implemented, students are reminded to inform contacts of the new phone numbers.

The IT department plans to have informative booklets on the system available in their offices. During the system switch, students are forewarned that phone service may be lost for short amounts of time.

During this transition, if phone service is not returned within a reasonable time, students can call the IT Help Desk at 461-8704 to report the problem.

Milligan and Ground Zero partner for event



Josiah Potter performs a skit with members of the Milligan Theater department during the See You at the Pole rally Saturday.

-Photo by Jason Harville

Jennifer Soucie

Copy Editor

Over 200 middle school and high school students gathered in Seeger Chapel on Sept. 14 for a See You at the Pole praise and worship pre-rally.

The event was the project between a partnership of Milligan, Youth in Ministry, and Ground Zero.

Haley Wherry, director of ministry for Ground Zero, said the purpose of the evening was to "equip and challenge them (students) to gather at their flagpoles on Wednesday morning."

The evening included an original drama written by Dick Major and performed by Milligan students, praise and worship led by Ground Zero, See You at the Pole videos and guest speaker Kenny White.

White emphasized for students to gather under their school's flagpoles on Sept. 18 as part of a nationwide prayer gathering. He urged students to pray publicly for the nation and for President Bush and to praise God for free worship in America. White is the senior minister at Christ's Church at Whitewater in Fayetteville, Ga., and former youth minister of First Christian Church in Johnson City.

Ninth-grader Barry Lindamood of Hunter First Baptist Church, said he plans to meet at his school's flagpole at Mountain

Empire High School in Bristol, Tenn. "It's going to rock the nation...prayer, students praying...God honors it," he said.

"It is our goal at Youth in Ministry to increase participation in the See You at the Pole rallies in the area," Phyllis Fox, director of Youth in Ministry, said. "Through this pre-celebration, we hope to create awareness and build excitement in the area youth."

Mandee Geiselman, a 13-year old eighth grade student at Science Hill High School, came with her youth group from Southwest Baptist Church in Johnson City to the event.

"I'm learning new things about Jesus, how he sacrificed and died," she said. "When he (White) says stuff, it all comes together."

Kristin Land, director of marketing for Ground Zero, said the organization seeks to introduce high school students to Christ and equip them to make a difference.

"We want to be innovative...this is such a media-saturated generation," she said.

Ground Zero projects that its nightclub for high school students will open in about one year.

Club 121 is another student outreach effort by Ground Zero that is currently located on six local high school campuses. Students participate in peer-to-peer evangelism and are led by youth workers.

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Sports

Soccer teams score more wins

Erin Blasinski
Reporter

The Lady Buffs soccer team upset 25th ranked Tiffin University with a 4-2 win on Saturday afternoon. Bianca Spoto scored an early goal to give Milligan a 1-0 lead. Goalie Abby Armstrong rejected four scoring attempts by the Tiffin women to help give the lady Buffs a 1-0 advantage going into half time. "We practiced hard on getting behind the ball and staying compact," Armstrong said. "And once we realized we had the upper-hand we attacked and scored."

Spoto returned in the second half to score two additional goals, each one scored from a direct kick penalty. Salem Wood added the fourth goal late in the half to secure the lead and win for the Buffs. The Lady Buffs continue with a record of 5-1 overall. Union College handed the Milligan men their first loss of the season on Sept. 10. The teams were tied at half time. Milligan added one more goal in the second half, but Union scored three more goals, ending the game in a 4-2 loss for the Buffs. Freshman Michael Hurley and sophomore Ryan Boggs gave Milligan their only two goals of the game. The men's team is 4-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference



Micheal Hurley shoots and scores the first goal of the Milligan versus Union game Sept. 10.

-Photo by Jason Harville

Lady Buffs improve record

Myra O'Dell
Reporter

The Lady Buffs volleyball team is on track to a successful season as they improve their marks to 11-3 with a 6-0-conference record. In the last week, the Buffs had conference matches with Montreat (30-23, 31-29, 30-22), Bryan (26-30, 30-19, 22-30, 30-20, 15-11), Tennessee Wesleyan (30-17, 30-22, 30-16) and Covenant College

(30-26, 30-22, 30-20). Seniors Christina Medlin and Wendy Weaver shared the week's game high in kills with 18 each while senior Melody Black led with 13 digs and senior Heather Lanning led with 27 set assists. Despite the players' individual highs, Coach Hyatt attributes the team's success to their committed teamwork. "I am real impressed with our defensive coverage. We've really worked hard on it in



practice. Our offense and hitting are improving as well. We are scheduled to play in four tournaments with mostly division two teams. Our teamwork and enthusiasm will help us throughout the season," she said.

Christina Medlin and Joy Dobbs block a shot during a conference meet last week. The Buffs record is now 11-3 with a 6-0 conference record.

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Editorials

Editor's Note:

In the last edition of the Stampede an article ran telling the details of an accident between two Milligan students Aug. 22. This article covered an extremely sensitive and delicate matter, which was listed on the police report and is public record in Johnson City.

This article would not have been published without much consideration and discussion among the editors of the Stampede, as well as faculty and those involved in the accident.

As editors, we made the decision to hold the entire paper one day to ensure that all sides of the story had been covered and explored.

Since the accident was already common knowledge, the Stampede wanted to seek out any new information and shed light on the cause of the accident.

In order to do so, the reporter on the story spoke with Andrew Baxter on two separate occasions, as well as Mark Fox, Nathan Flora, Leslie Glover, Bruce Montgomery, several police department members, a member of the drug task force and hospital officials before beginning the story.

All editors met together, as well as with our faculty advisor before making any decisions about the story.

No adverse consequences were intended when the story ran, however, we apologize for any unnecessary pain it may have caused. The decision to run the story was one made with extreme care and prayer on the parts of all parties involved.

Though we considered possible consequences before running the story, we felt that the Milligan community, including students, faculty, staff and administration, deserved to know the truth and the whole story behind such a tragic happening.

Since all parties involved were given the chance to comment and the editors felt those parties were fully aware of what information would and would not be used in the story, we decided to run the new information.

As journalists and Christians one of our first jobs is to seek out the truth and to help others be accountable for their actions.

By publishing this article we, as editors, sought the truth to the best of our abilities. The Stampede will continue its commitment to this idea and intends to present fair and balanced stories.

Andrew Baxter and his family were offered the opportunity to respond in print to the article published in the last edition, but due to extenuating circumstances will respond in next week's online edition.

Views: Patriotism and Christianity

American Christians' first allegiance should be to God and then to country



John Hampton
Reporter

In light of the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, many people have posted the flag of the United States again, Christians among them.

But here it becomes a question of how patriotic can a Christian be without being "too patriotic?"

As children, we are taught to recognize such phrases as "God bless America," "one nation under God" and "in God we trust" as showing the religious basis on which our country rests. Our founding fathers chose those words to appear on our money and in our documents. They certainly believed that a Christian's duty to God did not interfere with his or her duty to their nation. A vast Christian majority still runs America today.

Our first allegiance is to our God, but another allegiance is to our country. Men have died and will continue to die for our right to worship God.

Post Sept. 11, 2001, many ministers have given sermons on how we as a Christian body must rise up to support an injured land. I say that these men and women are correct.

Thousands of Christians

serve right now in the branches of the armed forces in every role possible.

Chapel is a weekly routine for the soldiers. Whether they choose to worship in an organized service or not, time is given every Sunday to the armed forces for worship.

I believe that our faith and our right to worship is one of the most important things we have as Americans.

If anything is worth fighting for, it's this, and this is certainly a worthy rallying point for Americans and Christians alike.

Patriotism is not confined to joining the armed forces, however. Civilian Christians have become increasingly patriotic also. Flag purchases have dramatically increased, including the symbol's presence on Milligan's campus. Many cars now fly an American flag in or on them.

Romans 13:1 states that we as Christians should submit to the authorities because God himself has put them in power. As a nation founded by believers, I feel we are called to support our leaders in their fight against our enemies.

As for me, my father has flown a flag in our yard since before I was born, just as his did his father and so on for generations.

Many of my Christian relatives have fought and died for their nation and if need be I will too.

God has blessed America and may God bless us in the future.

Living in a fallen world, Christians should protect the innocent and seek justice



Beth Pearson
Guest Columnist

won't make it go away. Many more of the innocent will die unless we stop the instigators.

I have an acquaintance named Craig. Last year Craig joined the Marines, and this past week he was shipped off to guard the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. I'm not excited that he's in Afghanistan, but I admire him and the thousands of other servicemen and women, police officers and rescue workers who are willing to risk their lives to protect our country's citizens and freedoms. In John 15:13, Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." I'm grateful to the people who have done that for me.

In Romans 13:4, Paul says that governmental authorities are ordained by God to execute justice with "the sword" upon those who do evil. In verse 7 he tells us to honor our nation's authorities. We need to be supporting and praying for our country's leaders as they bear these burdens, not criticizing them. God has authorized them to make war when justified, and I'm pretty sure that Sept. 11 was reason enough.

The pacifists say that if we value the sanctity of human life, we should "forgive" and "oppose retaliation against our enemies." Well, that sounds good, but how can we forgive those terrorists? We're still alive. We weren't the ones killed in New York, Washington or Pennsylvania. They were the victims, not us, and their blood cries out for justice. We don't retaliate for our own sake; we retaliate for theirs.

You see, if we truly value human life, then we cannot allow murderers to go unpunished. If we don't hold terrorists accountable for their actions, then we cheapen the value of the innocent lives lost to genocide. Ignoring the problem

Don't get me wrong - I don't relish the thought of war. I wish that we could all "just get along" and live in peace. But the reality is that we live in a fallen and sinful world. The earth will never be completely at peace until Jesus returns. Until then, I think we have a duty to protect innocent lives and seek justice against murderers.

In the nation: from the wire

Oct. 6: According to a recent poll conducted by the New York Times and CBS News, the majority of Americans are concerned that "the nation's economy is in its worst shape in nearly a decade and that President Bush and Congressional leaders are spending too much time talking about Iraq while neglecting problems at home." Forty-one percent of Americans surveyed said they approved of the way President Bush is managing the economy. The results also showed that many Americans support Bush's campaign against Iraq, but fear a costly war that might provoke further terrorist attacks.

Oct. 7: In Bowie, Md., a 13-year-old boy was shot and critically injured at the entrance of his school, marking the eighth attack connecting to a "roving sniper" who has killed six adults in the Washington, D.C. suburban area since Oct. 3. According to experts in mass murder and profiling of killers, the sniper does not fit any of the usual categories because he seems to choose his victims at random and with no apparent motive. Also, the sniper has used a single shot in each of his attacks, which experts say suggests less aggression than most mass murderers. On Oct. 8, Attorney General John Ashcroft approved Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose's request for federal assistance in the investigation under the federal law's "serial killing provisions."

Oct. 7: In a speech on Monday evening, President Bush addressed the nation with the message that the threat of an attack on the United States by Iraq is growing, but that military action by the United States is not "imminent or unavoidable." Bush accused Iraq of developing nuclear, biological and chemical weapons and warned that America is ready to build international coalition against Saddam Hussein if he defies demands to disarm. Iraq continues to deny "possessing weapons of mass destruction or the means to produce them." Iraqi newspapers quoted Saddam Hussein as saying that Iraq is ready to resist any invasion. "With whatever weapons we have in our hands, and after depending on God with faith, and because we are on the course of righteousness, we are able to confront any aggressor, from wherever he comes," Hussein said.

Compiled by Paige Wassel, with information from the New York Times.

Ground Zero art gallery renamed

Beth Pearson
Guest Writer

Fliers promoting fine art exhibits in the Ground Zero art gallery at Milligan may soon be no more.

The fine arts faculty decided to rename the gallery due to the events of Sept. 11, 2001. The decision was made after the terrorist attacks in New York last year, but it will be finalized this fall.

"This is where it (art) all begins were the original connotations," said Dick Major, chair of performing, visual and communicative arts and professor of theater. "Now you can't say those words without thinking of the World Trade Center."

Located in the basement of Derthick Hall, the gallery opened in the mid-1990s as a "center of art activity," said Nick Blosser, assistant professor of art. He said that the name has very specific connotations related to the terrorist attacks now, but it used to be more open-ended.

"I think it is appropriate to change the name," said senior fine arts minor Nathan Pelton. "I started on my flier for my show, and I had not thought a lot about it until I wrote 'in Ground Zero Gallery. It just seems a little weird I guess now that the term 'ground zero' has so much weight and all the memories and feelings it conjures up."

The fine arts department has not yet chosen a new name. They hope to get ideas from students. Blosser said he was willing to take suggestions. He and the other fine arts faculty members encourage students to submit name possibilities to them for consideration.

"I would like to see art in Derthick," said Anthony. The faculty is also discussing hanging student art in the Paxson Communications Center and SUB 7.

In addition to on-campus exhibits, students' work will be on display at Northeast State Technical Community College in Blountville from Sept. 30 to Oct. 30 and in November at Bays Mountain Park in Kingsport.

displayed in late October.

Along with the new name, the fine arts faculty hope to introduce signs around campus to increase awareness about the gallery.

"We need signage," said Anthony. "People on this campus don't know where it is."

The first show in the gallery this semester will be an exhibit by painter and Milligan alumnus Richard W. Cummings. After graduating from Milligan in 1996, Cummings went on to complete a master's degree at the University of Leeds in England in 1999.

"His work has an abstract, geometric feel," said Blosser.

Cummings' work, which is all spiritually based, will be on display from Oct. 25 to Nov. 15. Seniors Nathan Pelton and Rachel Hatfield Dalton will also have exhibits in the gallery later this semester.

The fine arts department is also discussing the possibility of creating alternative art venues on campus. This decision would have to be approved by the administration.

"I would really like to see art in Derthick," said Anthony.

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Ground Zero, Milligan's art gallery will be renamed due to the Sept. 11 attacks. The decision will be finalized this fall.

Enrollment declines for fourth consecutive year

Paige Wassel
Managing Editor

Milligan's enrollment declined for the fourth consecutive year from 899 students in the fall of 2001 to 843 students this semester, according to David Mee, vice president for enrollment management.

While traditional undergraduate enrollment remained about the same, dropping from 716 in 2001 to 711 in 2002, Mee said the number of non-traditional students declined from 183 in 2001 to 132 this year.

Mee said that shifts in the economy and market demand affected the enrollment numbers in non-traditional

programs, which includes adult degree completion and graduate programs. Another factor in this decrease was the larger than normal graduating classes in the adult degree completion and Master of Education programs in August.

"In one sense, this is actually good news," Mee said. "We graduated more students who are now ready to embark on their careers (and) contribute to society."

Mee said Milligan is always looking for new opportunities to reach prospective students. Last summer, he said that Milligan participated in a phoning program to reach prospective students.

"Milligan worked with an educational firm that helped us reach over 4,000 rising high school seniors who were already in our prospective student database," Mee said. "These phone calls enabled us to more effectively identify the students who are the most interested in Milligan and a Christian college education."

Milligan has also worked to expand admissions information on the website, develop new prospective student networks for graduate programs, and visit more supporting churches.

"We are encouraged to be ahead in fall 2003 undergraduate applications compared to one year ago," Mee said.

Editorials

Christians should focus on the life of Christ, death of violence

Daniel Clemens
Guest Columnist

In the interest of truth I thought it valuable to offer an opposing conclusion to those independently arrived at by John Hampton and Beth Pearson. Thus I assert the possibility that the support of the United States in current and various military conflicts may well be against the will of God.



Both John and Beth cite Romans 13 as the guiding principle by which Christians ought to relate to the government, highlighting that Paul believes God places our governmental leaders in authority to execute justice and exercise war powers when necessary. I wholeheartedly agree that Christians ought to support the government when their ideas and actions do not conflict with the will of God.

However, consider the historical reality that the church has had a long history of opposition toward governments. This very opposition begins in the life of Jesus, who was executed by the God-ordained Jewish and Roman authorities of His day.

In addition, Paul spent lengthy amounts of time in prison and was eventually executed by the same authorities he charged Christians to obey. But Paul and Jesus are not unique in their disobedience and suffering at the hand of the government, consider the lives of John Chrysostom, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Thomas Moore, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Certainly there exists a precedent among these for Christ-inspired and directed civil disobedience.

While I mourn with the families and nation for the losses of Sept. 11, I cannot

support the current military conflicts that the United States has entered because I regard the life and teachings of Jesus to suggest a posture of nonviolence toward other human beings.

As Gandhi proved in India and Martin Luther King Jr. would later exhibit in America, the possibility of resolving conflicts justly and by the use of nonviolent means on both the intra and international level is not merely a possibility. It is an achievable reality. Given the many faithful and brilliant minds that reside in America alone, a God-inspired, creative and effective solution to the current situation is not unlikely.

Even if it were not a reality, the life and teachings of Jesus suggest that perhaps Christians ought to be willing to sacrifice their own lives before they are willing to take the life of another who is made in the image of God. In turning the other cheek, the Christian radically trusts God, the only one able to bring about true justice and peace in a world of injustice and violence, with the life of him or herself and the lives of others. I do not suggest this is an easy thing, but only that it may indeed be precisely what God commands us to do.

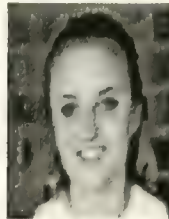
Jesus claimed to be the fulfillment of the law. As John Chrysostom suggests, Jesus fulfilled the law by exhibiting and commanding self-restraint. For in the Old Testament, God commanded the Jews not to take more than "an eye for an eye," in effect not allowing the harmed to inflict more punishment on the harmer than they had initially received. And in the New Testament, the son of God commands us not to hit back at all.

Here I come to the same conclusion as Chrysostom, "He hath by the two (commandments) corrected the whole world." How daring it would be to participate in this correction.

College students should build a career network early on

Lesley Jenkins
Reporter

It is never too early for a graduating senior or an underclassman to start building their contacts in their anticipated occupation. Milligan Career Center has an excellent resource through MonsterTrak.com to get students started on networking for their career.



Students can access contacts of Milligan College alumni at www.monstertrak.com. A short registration is required to use the service. Choose Milligan College and type in "Milligan" as the password. The "Career Contact and Alumni Network" link provides access to registered mentors.

"Eighty percent of all jobs are found

through networks," said John Paul Abner, career center director. "In our current difficult economy, students should access any resource that exists, and this is an excellent resource."

The Mentor Contact Network is made up of Milligan College alumni who want to help current students in their field of study. This help can include providing advice about the alumni's occupation, supplying additional contacts in other fields, or giving interviewing advice.

Currently there are 79 alumni registered for mentoring. Of these 79, almost every major at Milligan is represented.

According to Theresa Garbe, director of alumni relations, there are more mentors registered than students. The program has only been in place since January 2002.

"Mentoring is important because it gives you a chance to talk with an experienced person," Garbe said.

Abner said, "All seniors should log on and see if there's someone in their field they wish to contact."

Career Briefs

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Outreach Intern

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Director of Youth Ministry

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Features

Sniper attacks hit close to home for Milligan senior Emily Fuller



Senior Emily Fuller watches updates about the sniper attacks on CNBC. Fuller's family lives only a few miles from the sites of the shooting

-Photo by Jason Harville

On Oct. 2, a sniper began the first of eight attacks that would leave six dead and two wounded, primarily in the Washington, D.C. suburban area. Milligan senior Emily Fuller lives in the area where the shootings took place. Below is a transcript of an interview with Fuller discussing the effects of this sniper's attacks on her community.

Q: How close is where you live in relation to where the shootings took place?

A: All the shootings have been within just a few miles of my house. The nearest shooting was less than a mile away, at a Shoppers Food Warehouse. The first five shootings were all along or near to Georgia Avenue, which is the main north-south road through my immediate area. One of the shootings was at a Michael's Arts and Crafts store where I used to work.

Q: What do you know about the sniper and what preventative measures are being taken in your area?

A: The sniper is evidently a good marksman, possibly a hunter or with military or law enforcement experience. Many of the shootings took place during rush hour, or in densely populated public areas like strip malls and gas stations. The only lead is a white delivery van that was seen by one witness at one crime scene. Schools have been under lock-down procedures, meaning that open lunch has been cancelled, and that outdoor activities are restricted or cancelled. Since the victims are completely unrelated, there are no real precautionary measures that residents of the area

can take.

Q: Have any of your family's plans or day-to-day schedules been affected?

A: No, day-to-day plans are unchanged, except that my mom has been a little apprehensive about going to the Shoppers, which is the closest grocery store to us. In terms of imminent danger, it seems that the killings have moved (to Washington, D.C.) and to northern Virginia. There are still police lines at a couple of the crime scenes, and there is a greater law enforcement presence in the area. All available officers, as well as the FBI are on the case. The thought that there is a killer or killers still at large in the area makes me nervous, but as far as danger to my family, I am not that worried. By exercising common sense and not appearing to be a prime target, I feel that they will be alright. Thursday night, my sister went to her Tae Kwon Do practice in our convertible with the top down, and stayed after a while at the end, making her late in coming home. My parents asked her not to do either of those things in the future, at least until the case is closed.

Q: Do you know anyone who was in the area of any of the shootings?

A: My brother was in the same strip mall as the Shoppers at the time of that shooting, and saw the police cars rolling in. As the station is right across the street, they were at the scene almost immediately. He had gone to CVS to pick up snacks for a Bible study he was going to that night- if he had gone to the grocery store instead, he would literally have been at the scene of the crime.

Q: Is there anything else you would like to add?

A: The scary thing about the shootings is that the victims are totally unrelated. Whoever is behind this killing spree is very sick- someone who is killing for fun. That fact has made a lot of people anxious, since anyone in a public place is potentially a target. Another theory as to the killer(s) is that they could be terrorists or some other group, seeking to wring havoc in the area. If the killing continues, people will begin to be afraid to leave their homes. As it stands now, residents are exercising caution, and praying for the families of the victims.

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Sports

Fall break trips include stiff competition for Milligan soccer, cross country teams

Erin Blasinski

Reporter

While most students went home or on trips with friends this past weekend, fall break was all play for some of Milligan's athletic teams. Some travel was involved but most of the time was spent playing soccer or running in a cross country meets.

Soccer

The men's and women's soccer teams traveled together to Florida for fall break. The women beat Clearwater Christian College 7-1 in their only match of the trip.

"I don't think that we played extremely well," said senior Salem Wood. "Kim Morris played really well at midfield and Tanya Ruppert played well and scored her first goal."

The men's team tied Clearwater Christian College 3-3 and lost to Eckerd College 0-6.

Cross Country

The cross country team traveled to Boone, N.C. for the Blue Ridge Cross Country Open. The highest finishers for Milligan were freshmen Megan Lease, who placed 12th and Chris Wright, who placed 19th.

The men's team competed against Appalachian State, Eastern Kentucky, Virginia Tech, East Tennessee State University and Lenoir-Rhyne.



Left: Jason Hotchkin puts a header on goal in a Buffs soccer game. Top Right: Greg Hochstetter kicks the ball in a game over fall break in Florida. Bottom Right: Ryan Starr and Chris Wright run with the cross country team in North Carolina



-Photos by Jason Harville

Softball second in local tournament

Erin Blasinski

Reporter

The Milligan softball team was excited about their second place finish in the 19th annual Milligan College Fall Classic held on Sept. 13 and 14 at Winged Deer Park in Johnson City.

"This is the highest we have finished since the four years I have been here," said senior shortstop Andrea Henriott. "Everyone played well and we were up (in spirits) the whole time."

The Lady Buffs finished the tournament 4-2 overall. They won their division with a 3-1 record handing Cumberland College, Montreat College and Tusculum College shutout games. They advanced to the finals in the single elimination round by defeating Bryan College but lost in the championship game to Lincoln Memorial University.

"Our defense played great and I was very pleased," said Softball Coach Wes Holly. "Everyone contributed and we had a solid defense throughout the tournament. Solid play so early in the season speaks well of the team."

The Lady Buffs committed only one error in the first three games of the tournament.

"We've been practicing really hard this fall and the tournament showed how well we've done," said senior Ashley Fine.

Holly said was pleased with the overall play of his team.

"We could be better in the hitting department, but we also have not had a lot of time to work on batting," he said.

Pitchers Ashley Fine, Brandy Waddle and Courtney Ruth each contributed during the tournament, allowing Holly to see their progress.

The tournament allowed freshman outfielder Erin Bowers and freshman pitcher Courtney Ruth to play on the college level.

"We were so proud of Courtney in the tournament," said junior Shelby Banion. "She showed a lot of heart."

The 2003 softball team is composed of seven seniors, three juniors, three sophomores and four freshmen.

"I have high expectations for them. They are a very talented, versatile group and there is a lot of competition for positions," said Holly.

Lady Buffs volleyball team gains three conference wins

Myra O'Dell

Reporter

The Lady Buffs volleyball team continues their season with three conference wins over fall break.

Milligan won with scores of 30-18, 24-30, 30-22 and 30-16 over Union College on Oct. 1. Sara Bear led the

team with 22 set assists while Heather Lanning served five aces.

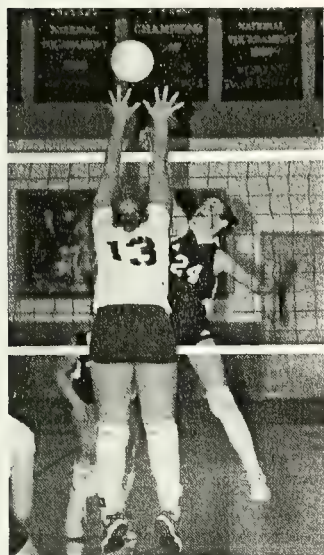
The team played Tennessee Wesleyan College on Oct. 5, gaining another conference win with scores of 30-25, 30-13, and 30-28.

The Lady Buffs continued their winning streak, defeating Covenant College on Oct. 5 with scores of 30-28, 30-20 and 30-21. Christina Medlin contributed 15 kills and Wendy Weaver added 16 digs.

The team conference record is 11-2, with losses to Bryan and King Colleges. Upcoming home matches are scheduled for Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m. and Oct. 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Coach Hiatt talks to the volleyball team as they play in the conference over fall break. The team took three conference wins

-Photo by Jason Harville



Wendy Weaver blocks a shot in conference play over fall break

-Photo by Jason Harville



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From the wire

North Korea: The United States decided to withdraw from a 1994 arms control accord with North Korea. Under the agreement, Western energy aid was provided to North Korea under the condition that they would stop development of nuclear arms. Two weeks earlier, North Korea admitted to "pursuing a covert nuclear weapons program." On Oct. 21, President Bush said that the United States will try to use diplomatic pressure instead of threats of military action to convince North Korea to dismantle their arms program. The next day, North Korea said they were ready to negotiate over continuing a nuclear program.

Sniper shootings: On Tuesday, authorities searched for ballistic evidence to link a bus driver's death to the Washington, D.C. area sniper. Conrad Johnson, 35, was shot while preparing his bus for his next route. If Johnson's death is linked to the sniper, he would be the gunman's 10th fatal victim and 13th attack.

Police are working to communicate with the sniper, whom they believed called authorities with a cryptic message. Charles Moose, Montgomery County police chief, urged the caller to phone again saying that the audio in his earlier communication was unclear. According to the Washington Post, authorities have been delivering messages via the media after they found a handwritten letter on the scene of a shooting in Ashland, Va.

Ancient inscription found: A stone ossuary was discovered around Jerusalem with the inscription "James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus." If the inscription was authentic and referred to Jesus of Nazareth, it would be the earliest documentation outside the Bible of Jesus' existence, dated slightly before A.D. 70.

Organic remains weren't available to conduct a carbon dating test, but researchers found no evidence of tampering. The inscription is unusual because the deceased's brother wouldn't have been mentioned unless he was prominent. Scholar André Lemaire said the combination of the three names is also unusual because no more than 20 "James" would fit the stone's description at that time. Other Biblical scholars described the inscription as strong although circumstantial evidence providing a link to Jesus.

Compiled by Paige Wassel with information from the New York Times and the Associated Press.

Campus Center delayed

John Hampton
Reporter

Milligan Campus Center, originally planned to start construction this summer, will be delayed due to a lack of funds.

The center is designed to be built in three separate phases and will occupy the current location of the tennis courts. Phase one will include the new theater, darkroom, storage space for the theater department, offices and a prayer chapel. Phases two and three will be added later as wings to the central phase one.

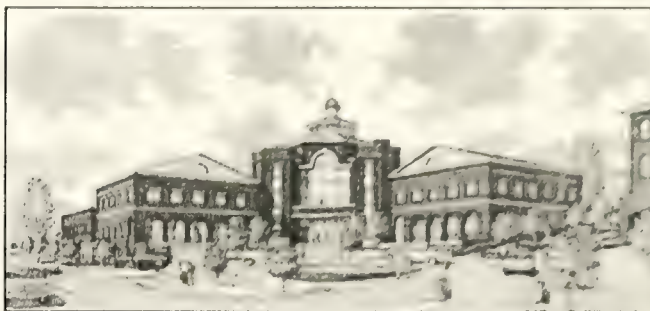
This summer was to be the start of the first phase, but funding for the project has dropped off.

"Timing has certainly impacted people's ability to give," said President Don Jeanes. "We have recently hoped that we could possibly start next summer. I don't think that will happen."

According to Jeanes, current estimates for the first phase range from \$7 to \$9 million. However, as Jeanes pointed out, renovations for Derthick went over estimations by \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Currently the school has \$4.5 million allotted for phase one of the campus center. Before starting the project, Jeanes said the administration would like to have \$7 to \$7.5 million in reserve. Without serious borrowing, starting construction this summer is not an option.

"With the market like it is, it will be a couple of years," said Jeanes. "Once



Milligan's Campus Center construction was supposed to be underway by this summer, however it will be delayed due to lack of funds. See related story, page 3.

-Illustration courtesy of Milligan College

we start, it will probably take about 18 months."

With current trends in the stock market, alumni gifts and other donations are scarcer than original estimates.

"The NASDAQ has already dropped more in value than the New York Stock Exchange dropped leading up to the Great Depression," Jeanes said. "So, it's tough times."

Milligan currently has a debt of \$2.4 to \$2.5 million. The college has been paying on this loan for the last 20 years.

"We're on a track to have that paid off in nine years," Jeanes said.

According to Jeanes, the debt grows less each year. He would like to stay away from borrowing too much for the Campus Center, keeping debt well below the \$4 million still needed.

Parking for the first phase of the

center will be limited to the current parking lot adjacent to the tennis courts. The administration is considering turning Pardee lawn into additional parking for the Campus Center at a later date.

The new theater will replace the performance space that was removed in the renovation of Derthick Hall, with a much larger seating of approximately 325. Richard Major, chair, area of performing, visual and communicative arts, discussed the changeover with Jeanes. The president said Major accepted "wandering in the wilderness" during the transfer of facilities.

During this transition, Major has used creative means including SUB 7, East Tennessee State University theater space and the Milligan College cafeteria for plays and other theatrical productions.

See related story, page 4

Beacon sponsors final Cranks Creek trip

Ali Waters
Reporter

Last weekend, 54 Milligan students made their final trip to the Cranks



Students pack their lunches before heading out to their work sites on Saturday. -Photo by Jason Harville

Creek Survival Center in Harlan County, Ky.

Six groups worked at sites where they repaired or built parts of homes and two groups bought groceries and cleaned for two elderly women.

"This was probably one of the better, and most relaxing...trips that I've ever been on," said Aaron Akins. "No serious accidents, no major problems with work sites, and everything ran very smoothly."

Going to Cranks Creek has been a Milligan College tradition for the past nine years.

"It's sad from the standpoint that this

school has gone there for years," said Meggan Musaus, a junior member of the Beacon planning committee. "We've gotten to know the people there like Ms. Betty, Bobby...they love Milligan and loved us coming there."

The trips place equal emphasis on the building projects and the building of relationships. Teams are purposely constructed of students who may have never interacted with each other before in order to encourage new relationships.

"We spent time with a girl named

continued on page 3

Editorials

Without cooperation, the Stampede can't fulfill its role

Jennifer Soucie
Copy Editor



A lot of talk around campus isn't printed in the Stampede. This isn't by accident.

Many rumors float through our office each week. But the Stampede doesn't

print rumor. Each story is carefully researched and verified before hitting the presses. If we can't confirm information, we don't print it. This basic news principle is taught in each of our journalism classes.

The stories that we write for the Stampede would be more thorough with full cooperation of Milligan administration, faculty, staff and students. Many reporters, myself included, have encountered crucial sources unwilling to make statements on the record. These hindrances prevent us from fulfilling our job as journalists and allowing the

full truth to be made known.

As a campus community, part of our responsibility on this campus is to hold each other accountable by writing solid news. If we are not held accountable, character improvement can't occur and mistakes will be repeated.

The purpose of Milligan's mission is to mold Christian leaders to create an impact in our global society. Learning how to be Christian leaders begins by utilizing lessons taught in the classroom and applying those theories and experiences to practical life situations.

The true education of Milligan is not found in cramming facts the night before an exam. The underlying morality lessons are tougher to learn but leave a lasting impression long after grades are submitted.

Part of Milligan's mission states, "the

main functions of education are to arouse within the individual an awareness of indebtedness to one's fellow human beings, to foster in each a desire to assume personal responsibility, and to prepare the individual to fulfill his or her obligation to society."

As journalists, we learn that the role we fill in society is crucial in establishing an educated, informed society. We have a moral obligation to print news and dig up information.

George Orwell said, "Journalism is printing what someone else does not want printed. Everything else is public relations."

-George Orwell

The role of this newspaper on the Milligan campus is not to be a duplication of the public relations department. Our function and our calling as journalists are to print news and hold one another accountable.

If each of us expects to take a stand in the secular workplace after graduation,

we must exercise our skills now. Being a Christian leader necessitates standing up for causes that you believe in, both on campus and throughout creation. When ethical situations cross our paths, we need the stamina and experience to express a Christian opinion with a humble attitude.

As members of our Christian college community, we are learning to become members of a society whose morality may be drastically different than our own. Conflict will occur. Let's learn to deal with it now.

A proactive beginning to upholding the college's mission is submitting letters to the editor. It takes guts to express your opinion and sign your name to statements that may stir up controversy. If you have an issue on your chest, write a letter to the editor instead of talking about it among others.

If you disagree with an article printed in the Stampede, write a letter. If you support a position taken, let us know by writing a letter. Everyone needs positive affirmation to retain sanity, including journalists of the Stampede.

Letter to the Editor

October 9, 2002

Dear staff and students of Milligan College,

I would like to thank you all very much for the support I have received over the past few weeks since my automobile accident occurred.

To Dr. Jeanes, Mrs. Kiser, Mr. Major, Mr. Flora, Mr. Fox and all of the students who have prayed for my recovery.

I truly believe that your prayers have been answered and that the Lord is always with me during my recovery.

I also want to say how truly saddened I am by the loss of Michael Adkins, and I pray that his family will find strength and comfort during these extremely difficult times.

The pain I have endured is nothing compared to the pain of losing someone that family and friends love so much.

During these times, I look to God for guidance, and He has led me to a new plateau in my life that I am thankful for. I know that without the support of my loving family at home, and at Milligan, that this recovery would be so much more challenging and frustrating.

I just want to thank you all again from my heart. I know how truly blessed I am, not only to be alive, but to be so loved. I love you all, and can't wait to be back on campus next year. God bless.

Andrew Baxter/Tamara Baxter

Career Briefs

West Side Elementary is looking for tutors. Please contact Pam Norris at 547-8032.

Part-time educator at Hands On! Museum. Duties: give tours of museum programs and exhibits to children pre-school to 5th grade. Good communication skills and ability to work with children a must. Prior experience a plus, but not required. Hours: 20-25 hours/week, must be available for work Tues. and Thurs. 9-5, Sat. 10-5, and Sun. 1-5. Please contact Bridget Chandley for more information or stop by the museum to fill out an application. Hands On! Regional Museum, 315 East Main Street, Johnson City, TN 37601, 423-928-6508.

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Features



Top: Milligan students gather with Survival Center founder Bobby Simpson before leaving the center on Sunday.

Right: This 'icebreaker' allowed work groups to get to know each other before working on Saturday. Meggan Musaus (bottom left), Janae Davenport (top left), Jennifer McIntosh (center) and Laura Jones (right) get tangled up in the human knot.

-Photos by Jason Harville



Beacon sponsors final Cranks Creeks trip, continued.

although she was going to get her GED," said committee member Jennifer Openshaw. "She was the same age as the freshmen in our group. They took the initiative to ask her to dinner with us and so we got to know her a little better."

Some students found their act of service in physical construction projects while others found it in spending time with the people of Harlan County.

"This was my first time at Cranks Creek and it was a great experience," said junior Erin LaVallee. "Sometimes we need to talk with people like Ms. Betty and Ms. Elvie just to be reminded of how to love and serve God in every circumstance."

The organization is taking on a new name, Beacon, which the planning committee feels represents their goals as a Philippians 2 ministry to share Christ through acts of service.

According to recent Beacon literature, the planning committee is searching for "a new location for an old tradition."

"We (Beacon) as a committee believe that we are being called to serve in another place in the Appalachia area," said junior Evan Overbay, Beacon treasurer. "It is sad that we are leaving but we are looking ahead with great anticipation for what lies ahead for the team."

Junior Darrell Asche will be the chairman of Beacon's first trip to a new site, which will take place next spring. "We're not sure where we're going," said Asche. "But we do know we're going somewhere else, somewhere in Appalachia."

Akins said that the committee wants the new organization to continue to have the same experience as Cranks.

It will still be an overnight trip, he said, somewhere not too far from Milligan and for approximately the same amount of time.

"It may be the last time we go there," said Akins, "but the mission goes on."

Professors Bill and Bob host 'random' radio show on WUMC

Tori Watts
Reporter

On Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m., Milligan's radio station, 90.5 FM, airs the B&B radio show.

Seeking to bring something new to the radio this year, Warren McCrickard, station manager, approached professors Bill Greer and Bob Mahan about hosting a show every week.

They are the only professors to have their own radio show on WUMC.

According to Greer and Mahan, the

show is a "random show for random people."

The two professors are continuing a long-time tradition of teaming together to provide comedy while addressing a variety of issues. They discuss news articles and social issues between themselves and with student callers and provide the latest updates in sports such as bass fishing.

"It is different than being in the classroom because you can't get a reaction right away," said Mahan.

"It's fun and entertaining," said regu-

lar listener junior Kaitie Anderson.

While being on the air is a new experience, Greer said, "this is a lot of fun."

He said the show is an "outlet for the energy we need to vent," which in the past has been displayed by Greer and Mahan in sweetheart convocations.

"It is different than being in the classroom because you can't get a reaction right away."

-Bob Mahan,
Associate professor
of accounting

Carrie Steffey, associate professor of communications and faculty advisor for the radio station, said she is glad to see the faculty getting involved.

Steffey said that Greer and Mahan are "doing

a really good job."

SGA starts leadership mentoring program with local students

Abby Conley
Reporter

SGA initiated the Student Leadership Ambassador Program (SLAP) to partner with area high school student councils for a hands-on learning and mentoring experience.

This organization's four main goals for this partnership are to offer student councils a pattern for their own student government, let these students know how a college government association functions, give students an introduction to Milligan and minister to students

through weekly devotionals. A brainchild of the SGA fall retreat, SLAP is headed up by Rachel Cunningham, sophomore class president.

"We're really excited about this program," said Cunningham. "Not only will we be helping area high school student councils, but it is also a ministry

opportunity."

In this program, students will be invited to campus at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

They will be given a campus tour and meet with SGA to discuss the roles of a student government association. They will also attend the SGA meeting at 9 p.m. and a short debriefing afterwards.

Overseeing SLAP is a four-member committee of Cunningham, freshmen Courtney Ruthe and Adam Bisesi and senior Wendy Alexander. The committee invited the eight local high schools to participate. Unicoi County High School's student council was the first to participate and was on campus Oct. 22.



Tony Jones, SGA president, talks to the Unicoi County High School student council during the group's meeting Tuesday night. These students were the first group of area high school students to participate in the student leadership program.

-Photo by Jason Harville

Sports

Tennis courts to be moved with construction of Campus Center

Alison Waters
Reporter

During a recent meeting with the Stampede staff, President Jeanes discussed the fate of the tennis courts in connection to the future construction of the Campus Center.

"Obviously we need to find a semi-level space or one that can be leveled without a great deal of excavation. At this point, barring any acquisition of additional acreage, they'll probably be part of the canyon," said Jeanes.

He described the new location of the tennis courts as in front of the field-house spreading from both sides of the parking lot. Jeanes said four tennis courts should fit but about one third of the canyon's parking area would be lost.

Jeanes said the only time that the loss of parking would have an impact is

during events that would require larger parking accommodations, such as the Johnson City Symphony and sporting events.

"We have a donor whose stock in his company is pretty well tanked at this point, so we're working on other sources," said Jeanes. "I've asked Ray Smith to find some companies that build tennis courts and start getting an idea of what it costs."

Jeanes said he heard estimates ranging from \$250,000 to \$400,000. No official timeline has been set for this project, but it is being discussed.

"My informal timeline is that I'd like to

do it this next summer, for several reasons," said Jeanes. "One, so they can get it out so when we get ready to start we can do two projects at the same time. Number two, the courts that we have are in bad shape. So I'd like to do it this summer, but again that depends on funding. There's no point bulldozing the old ones until we're ready to start construction."

"There's no point in bulldozing the old ones until we're ready to start construction."

-Don Jeanes, president



President Don Jeanes sits and discusses plans for the new tennis courts with the Stampede staff. The new courts will be located in the canyon.

-Photo by Jason Harville

Sports briefs

Tori Watts & Myra O'Dell
Reporters

Women's soccer

This week the Lady Buffs moved up to 16th place in a NAIA women's soccer poll from a ranking of 23rd.

The Lady Buffs won 1-0 against Covenant College with Deniece Kitchin scoring in the final minutes of the game. Both Kitchin and teammate Emma Wirkus said the team did not play as well as they could have but they still feel they show the mark of a good team.

The win increased their record to 13 wins this season, with a total record of 13-2-1. The Lady Buffs are currently 7-0-1 in the AAC Conference.

According to a recent sports news release, the women's team have only allowed eight goals all season and have a seven-game winning streak.

The Lady Buffs will host Southern Virginia on tonight at 7:00 p.m. and will host rival King College Sat. at 4:30 p.m. This is the last home game for the regular season.

Men's soccer

The men's soccer team played Virginia Intermont on Oct. 16. Ali Mohamed, assisted by Michael Hurley, scored the team's only goal, ending the game with a score of 4-1, VI.

Sophomore Steven Townley scored the only goal against Covenant College in the men's game last Saturday. Milligan lost to Covenant making the team record after Saturday 7-7-1.

Volleyball

The Lady Buffs volleyball team boosted their conference record with a 3-0 win against Bluefield College on Oct. 15. Other recent matches were against Pikeville College and Tusculum College. The Lady Buffs defeated Pikeville 3-0, but lost in a close match to Tusculum 2-3. Neither were conference matches, but were helpful in preparing for the end of the season.

"We are working really well as a team, but we still have some things to work on for our tournament," said senior Heather Lanning. Their season record is 21-10.

Below is the transcript for the interview between reporter Allison Waters and tennis player Sara Wallingford, October 21, 2002.

Q. How do you feel about the idea of building four new tennis courts?

A. I'm very excited about the idea of having new courts. The only problem I have is with just building four. Every team in the conference has at least six courts, if not more. It's hard to have matches and practice with only three courts. One more helps, but Milligan now has the opportunity to have six new courts. I don't think that this opportunity should be wasted.

Q. What do you think of the possibility of them being built next summer?

A. That would be great if Milligan has the new courts built this coming summer. That would eliminate any hassles to find courts that we could use.



Q. How would that affect you, personally?

A. Building new courts this summer would force me to find a new place to

Sara Wallingford

practice for the summer, but that's a sacrifice I'm willing to make. If you wanted to know how new courts would affect me in general, building new courts now gives me the opportunity to play on them. I only have two seasons left, and I would love to have the opportunity to play at a nice facility.

Q. How do you think that will affect the team and future teams at Milligan?

A. New courts would be extremely beneficial and definitely have a positive impact on the tennis teams. We would have a better place to practice and would have the opportunity of having more matches played on campus. New, better courts also give recruits an incentive to come play for Milligan.

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From the wire

Snipers await jurisdiction: After their arrest on Oct. 24, sniper suspects John Allen Muhammad, 41, and John Lee Malvo, 17, are now awaiting trial. However, there is now debate over where and how these two will be tried, as well as what charges will be brought against them. According to an AP news story, "in addition to the shootings in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., the two face murder charges in Louisiana and Alabama, and are suspects in two shootings, one fatal, in Washington state." Attorney General John Ashcroft is expected to make a decision as to where the pair will be tried first later this week. Some sources suspect that Virginia may be first because of the state's strong death penalty statute.

Midterm elections held: On Tuesday, states across the nation held midterm elections with close races expected for both legislative seats and governorships. Republicans currently hold majority control in the House of Representatives, and as of early this week, Democrats and Republicans were evenly matched in the Senate, where Democrats previously held the majority by one vote. President Bush said at one campaign stop on the eve of the election that he believed the election would be decided by a relatively few number of votes.

U.S. kill Al Qaeda leader in Yemen: On Monday, it was reported that the CIA used a missile fired from an unmanned Predator aircraft to kill senior Al Qaeda leader Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi, also known as Abu Ali, along with five of his low-level associates. This group was traveling in Yemen, a country the United States has targeted in its counterterrorism measures as it is suspected that a substantial number of Al Qaeda operatives are hiding there. According to a New York Times article, "the attack was the first using an armed Predator against suspects outside of Afghanistan, officials said, and it appeared to signal the beginning of a more aggressive phase of the American effort against terrorism."

Data compiled by Paige Wassel with information from the New York Times

Occupational therapy market turning around, program to continue at Milligan

Alison Waters
Reporter

The trustees reached a decision in their Oct. 24 meetings to continue Milligan's occupational therapy program.

"From the data we have collected during the last two months, the OT market seems to be turning around and our program seems viable," said President Don Jeanes in an e-mail to the campus.

The main issues at the board meetings were Medicare reimbursement for occupational and physical therapy and speech pathology,

student enrollment and faculty availability. Upon addressing these issues, the trustees approved the continuation of the occupational therapy program.

Industry-wide fluctuations caused a decrease in the Occupational Therapy program's enrollment, and Milligan did not admit a new class this fall in order to reevaluate and determine the feasibility of continuing the program.

"The college's board, administration and OT faculty are committed to maintaining our OT accreditation and providing our students with the highest quality occupational therapy education as possible," said Jeanes.

Dan Poff, director, chair and associate professor of occupational therapy, will be leaving Milligan at the end of this school year to pursue his Master of Divinity degree. Next June, Dr. Christy Gamble will take over as Interim Director. Until then, Gamble is working with the graduate admissions office to recruit a new class for fall 2003.

"I think this is very exciting, about continuing a tradition--of providing high quality health care education, and we as a faculty look forward to continuing in the tradition. We've put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into it," said Poff, "and I think it shows confidence on the part of the board."

Theater students remain optimistic despite delay

Abby Conely
Reporter

As construction for the campus center and new theater are delayed, theater students without a performance space are confronting the situation with understanding.

Richard Major, chair, area of performing, visual and communicative arts and professor of theater, said that while he is disappointed the delay, he remains optimistic about the consequences.

Prior to the delay, the campus center groundbreaking and Major's 2003 calendar year sabbatical coincided. Although facilities for the theater

program will remain unchanged upon his return, he said he is pleased that he will now be able to have more input on how the center is developed.

"This [the delay] is more of a challenge than I had anticipated," Major said.

He said he hopes for a better economy so people can donate money.

"The greatest test will come if the economy doesn't turn around," Major said. "I'll just live with whatever they come up with."

Students seem equally optimistic about the delay.

Sophomore theater major Amber Carderelli said her only concern is that the current lack of a proper theater limits what can be done.

"Right now, all we have is SUB 7," Carderelli said. "That limits the number of performers we can use, which is really sad."

Michael Ottinger, a sophomore

theater major, said he harbors no hard feelings about the delay.

"Is this Milligan's fault for not having better facilities? No. This is just the way that the construction worked out," Ottinger said. "I just happen to be one of the unlucky ones who came here between the new theater being built and the old one being destroyed."

Junior Christy Reece said she is appreciative of what Milligan had to offer her. She said the opportunity to perform with a Christian theater program provided a great break from the secular programs she often found too immoral.

Although the lack of a theater and theater classes makes it easier for her to leave, Reece said the greatest factor in her decision to transfer was financial.

See related Q&A on page 3



Election enthusiasm

John Wakefield and Mark Peacock gather with students to watch the returns from the election on Tuesday night. The event was organized by junior Andrew Hopper, who had a special interest in viewing the results because his dad was up for re-election in the position of county judge in Indiana.

Photo by Jason Harville

Editorials

Letter to the Editor

Imagine with me for a minute that you are attending a college in pursuit of a biology degree. The college you picked has an incredible faculty, a beautiful campus, and a student body like no other.

Now imagine that as a biology major you don't have any labs in which to work. Instead, you have to use the cafeteria, a small coffee house, or go off campus to perform your experiments. Keep in mind that at the end of each day you have to return these borrowed spaces back to their normal state and pack your instruments up in a box so that you can store them somewhere on campus until tomorrow.

I forgot the hardest part. Not only do you have to balance your own busy schedule, you must also meet the needs of those people from whom you borrow the spaces. After all, it is their space and they have a right to it. Does this sound funny, or even ridiculous? Well, it is. Unfortunately, this is all too real for every theater major at Milligan College.

You can imagine that I was upset with the recent decision to delay the Milligan Campus Center, which will include a dedicated theater space. It is just the latest blow below the belt to the Milligan College theater department within the past two years. The delay means that the theater department will continue to function just like the scenario mentioned above, and that scenario is frustrating.

What is even more frustrating is a quote from President Jeanes in the last issue of The Stampede. In reference to building new tennis courts for Milligan, President Jeanes said, "There's no point bulldozing the old ones until we are ready to start construction."

I agree, but why wasn't this same principle applied towards a dedicated theater space? Why couldn't the construction of a new lecture hall and student commons area wait until a dedicated theater space was built? Are theater students expendable?

The idea of a college having a theater degree but no theater is absurd. It's just as absurd as having a biology degree with no labs, a music department with no instruments, or a basketball team without a court. What do we tell prospective theater majors who visit Milligan College? Do we say, "Come to Milligan where you can wander in the wilderness?"

It is true that the administration is one-hundred percent behind the theater department at Milligan College. That's because they are walking in the opposite direction.

Adam K. Meyers

Christan McKay
Editor in Chief

In my other life I'm an actress.

When I'm not busy in the practical world of journalism I love the feeling of being on stage. For a few minutes or a few hours I transform myself into someone else.

I can barely put into words the feeling of anticipation, nerves and excitement that overcomes an actor at that moment between the lowering of the house lights and the utterance of the first word of dialogue.

Even theaters have a personality all their own. Just stepping into a dedicated space feels like home to an actor. Derthick Theatre held years of productions and carried the mark of each actor and actress on the wall of its green room. I had the privilege a few years ago of performing in the last production in that space.

But since that time being an actress at Milligan has gotten more and more difficult. At first I was optimistic. Though I would not reap the benefits of a new space, the prospect of theater people having a brand new space with

real seats that don't fall through when you sit on them (as happened during the production of "Much Ado About Nothing" that I watched in Derthick) was a wonderful thought.

Then comes the news that the new campus center will be delayed another year. My heart sank. Don't get me

wrong. I don't blame anyone. There are lots of complications that cannot be helped.

But I can't help

wonder why the arts are taking a back burner.

Our current production of "Oedipus the King" at East Tennessee State University has been a great experience. When it's over, however, we go back to SUB 7 and figuring out creative ways to solve problems.

There's only so much you can do in SUB 7. It's a fine place for a coffee house, but it's not a theater.

I would love to hear that someone donated a huge sum of money and that soon we will have a state of the art dedicated space. I'm a bit worried,

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"There's only so much you can do in SUB 7. It's a fine place for a coffee house, but it's not a theater."

-Christan McKay

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Career center briefs were compiled by career center work-study student Lesley Jenkins.

though, that the new theater is just a distant dream that will never materialize.

So for now, my other life is a whirlwind of confusion. I hope in the near future that my kindred spirits in the world of theater will be able to step onto the stage and experience that feeling once again, not behind a flat in a coffeehouse, but behind a curtain in a dedicated space.

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News

Four professors approved for sabbatical leave next year

Erin Blasinski
Reporter

Four Milligan professors are approved for sabbatical leave for the 2002-2003 academic school year.

Richard Major, chair, area of performing, visual and communicative arts and professor of theater, will be visiting, acting and directing while on sabbatical during the spring and fall semesters of calendar year 2003. Major will be observing and assisting with Barter Theater's casting session that will be held in N.Y. in early January. He will then return to Abingdon as a resident company member at Barter for the 2003 season, acting in six productions, hosting a few master classes for the observatory and directing a Christmas production.

"If time allows, I want to begin work on writing a mainstream acting book that will be done with a Christmas perspective," said Major. "I am anxiously anticipating this time of rejuvenation and...know I will return to Milligan as a better teacher."

Linda Doan, professor of human performance and exercise science, will be on sabbatical during the spring 2003 semester. She will be researching the HPXS major. This will involve comparing Milligan's

HPXS courses and curriculum with three certifying boards. She will also be visiting other colleges and universities for new ideas.

"After this process is complete, we hope to make several changes in our major," said Doan. "I am most excited to have time to read journals, texts, etc., especially primary research, in my field."

Carolyn Woolard, associate professor of French and Spanish, is pursuing her doctorate in modern foreign language. She is working on her studies in France and will be gone until the end of the 2002-2003 academic school year.

Charlene Kiser, associate professor of humanities, continues to teach two classes while pursuing her doctorate at Virginia Tech as a full time student. She is taking two classes and working on her dissertation, Writing Across the Curriculum and Faculty Involvement.

"The idea is that we want a stronger faculty," said Matson. "So we let them sit out and do so some kind of intensive

study."

Matson said that a normal sabbatical is usually one semester long, and Milligan will pay the professor his or her salary for that semester. If one should choose to take a year long sabbatical, Milligan will still pay one semester's salary but the professor will likely find funding from grants to help pay the other half of the salary.

According to the faculty handbook, professors are eligible for sabbatical

leave if they are full-time and have served the college for seven years. At that time,

the professor must follow certain guidelines and deadlines for their absence to be approved.

A professor applies for a sabbatical with a written proposal submitted to the academic dean. Matson takes the proposal to the academic committee where it is reviewed and approved as a viable project that will benefit the college.

"We want it (the sabbatical) to fur-

ther the scholarship and the teaching in a significant way," said Matson.

After the review process, the committee might make some recommendations and then approve or deny the request. Finally, the dean sends the proposal to the president and he makes the final decision.

The area or department in which the professor is a part will be considered to make sure that the absence will not cause any problems or conflicts.

"If there are two people at the same time, then one of them will have to wait," said Matson. "Sometimes you can put off a sabbatical if there is a back up in the department."

When a professor requests a sabbatical, student interests are taken into account with the final decision.

Matson said that some students may be inconvenienced with having to take classes at East Tennessee State University, but in the long run for the institution, it is better for students with professors who have a doctorate and more strength in their teaching.

During a professor's absence, the department will likely cover classes by using other faculty or not offer certain electives.

"I am anxiously anticipating this time of rejuvenation and...know I will return to Milligan as a better teacher."

-Richard Major

Trustees view Milligan's response to SACS recommendations during homecoming week

Paige Wassel
Managing Editor

At the Academic Affairs trustee meeting on Oct. 24, the trustees were given a copy of Milligan's response to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) visiting committee's recommendations.

This response, which was sent to SACS on July 23, details Milligan's response to each of the 12 recommendations made by the SACS visiting committee in February. This document, along with the visiting team's report, will be given to the Commission on Colleges (COC), which decides whether to reaffirm the college's accreditation in December.

Mark Matson, academic dean, said he wrote most of Milligan's response and submitted drafts to the college's academic committee during their summer retreat. President Don Jeanes wrote a couple of the responses that did not deal with academic issues, Matson said. Although the trustees had already been given a copy of the visiting team's recommendations and Milligan's self-study, Matson felt the trustees should see a copy of the college's response.

"Our accreditation is a big issue, and the trustees need to be aware of anything that affects it," Matson said.

Pat Magness, chair of the self-study steering committee, said there weren't any surprises in the recommendations given by the SACS visiting committee.

"The main thing I learned from the process is that we as a college had done a very thorough self-study," Magness said.

She said many of the visiting team's recommendations were in line with problems the college had already identified in their self-study. For example, recommendations 9 and 10 called for increased funding for library resources and additional space for the library, which Magness said agreed with the recommendations made by Milligan's self-study report.

At the COC meeting in December, Magness said the council can decide to approve or not approve to reaffirm Milligan's accreditation. They do not enforce the recommendations made by the visiting committee.

Matson said he and Jeanes will attend the SACS meeting in December as they usually do.

"I don't anticipate any problems arising from our report or our response," Matson said. "The visiting committee was very strong, the number of recommendations was incredibly small and none of the recommendations had to do with serious problems."

The homepage for the COC discusses the importance of accreditation to colleges and universities, which is a voluntary process on the part of an institution.

"It is a recognition that an institution or program has been evaluated and that it meets a set of standards of quality that are determined by the members of the association or agency granting the accreditation."

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The following interview is between Paige Wassel and Lindsay Vogt, theater minor. See related story, page 1.

Q. What made you interested in Milligan's theater program?

A. I've always had an interest in Milligan. The big push for the theater program here was my auditioning for and getting into Oedipus this year. So, because of my interest in theater, it made sense to get involved.

Q. How do you feel about the delay in building the theater?

A. I've always liked Milligan, but one of the things I was told when I came to visit my senior year was that Mr. Major was promised that the theater would be built within the first year of construction and that it would be very soon. I feel like that did play a role in my coming here. Having a theater is a major part of having a good company.

Q. Do you think you will remain at Milligan in the theater area?

A. Yes, I still feel that there is a very good program going on here and it's just a shame that others don't see the need for the theater. I'll still continue to participate in it; I just wish that it could come sooner.

Sports

Bufs near end of conference season

Myra O'Dell
Reporter

On Oct. 25, the Lady Buffs participated in a tournament hosted by Mars Hill. Their only loss was to Mars Hill (1-3) with wins, both 3-0, over North Greenville and Limestone Colleges.

They also played away on Oct. 30 at Pikeville College and won with a score of 3-0.

The Lady Buffs hosted King College for their last conference match of the season on Nov. 4. They began the night with a lead by winning the first game, but lost momentum in the second game, losing

1-3. If the teams meet again in the season tournament, the Lady Buffs have demonstrated this season that they have the talent to succeed.

The Lady Buffs still have two matches before their season tournament begins. They will play away against Georgetown on Nov. 8.

The last home match is against Cumberland College at 3 p.m. on Nov. 9. The seniors will be recognized during this match because it is the final home match of their college careers.

The AAC tournament will be held Nov. 14-16 and the NAIA Regional tournament on Nov. 22-23.



The Lady Buffs cheer on their teammates during their game against King College on Monday. The AAC tourney will be held Nov. 14-16.

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Vespie makes changes to intramural football program

Lesley Jenkins
Reporter

The Milligan intramural football season kicked off its new season Oct. 31 with 12 teams. Changes made to the program this year gave players hope that they could be playing against other college intramural teams next season.

David Vespie, intramurals director, made changes to the intramural football program when he took the position after last season. The games were previously played with full tackle football rules.

Vespie contacted a coach from another college and obtained the rules by the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association for flag football. The new changes require a no-contact football game. The new rules would also allow Milligan's intramural teams to compete

against other colleges and universities in the intramural football post-season.

After the regular season ends, an all-star team would be selected from all of Milligan's teams and that team would play in a regional tournament against intramural teams of every level of NCAA and NAIA, said Vespie.

Even though the new rules are now in effect Vespie said the intramural program will not select an all-star team to send to the regional tournament until next year.

T.W. Davis, captain of the Laxatives said, "this year and last have been kind of rough, because we're not used to the rules. We'll actually be contenders against other national league teams, instead of just playing back yard football."

Seven men's teams and five women's teams will play each other at the soccer practice field until Nov. 18 to determine which teams will advance to the playoff round.

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Women	First	11/6	1:30	#1 Union v #8 Brevard	Field 2
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Women	Semi-Finals	11/8	7:00	Milligan/Montreat vs Covenant/Bryan	Field 1
Men	Finals	11/9	4:00	Championship	Field 2
Women	Finals	11/9	7:00	Championship	Field 2

All games are being played at the Civitan Fields in Johnson City, Tennessee.

The Milligan soccer teams will compete at the conference tournament that will be held at Civitan Field this week in Johnson City.

The Lady Buffs ended the regular season ranked 22nd in the nation and 2nd in the Appalachian Athletic Conference. They enter the tournament as the #22 seeded team

The men's team ended the regular season unranked in the national polls and as the 7th seeded team in the tournament.

If the teams win, they advance to the semi-final games on Friday. The finals will be played on Saturday.

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From the wire

Oil tanker sinks: On Tuesday, the oil tanker *Prestige* split in two and sank in the Atlantic Ocean approximately 133 miles off the Spanish coast following an encounter with a storm. The tanker was carrying over 77,000 tons of fuel oil and the sinking poses an environmental concern for the area's rich fishing ground. However, there were no immediate signs that the ship had spilled its entire load. Optimists hope that "the sinking, in waters 11,800 feet deep, will avert any further pollution, arguing that the fuel should solidify and rest on the bottom." Others are concerned that the tanks will burst on the ship's descent to the bottom. Spanish officials are blaming Gibraltar for the spill on the grounds that the tanker was headed for that destination.

Tape suggests Osama bin Laden is alive: Last week, a recorded audiotape was broadcast on Arab television that appeared to contain the voice of Osama bin Laden. Now, U.S. intelligence experts have analyzed the tape and found it to be genuine, ending speculation that bin Laden is still alive. Although the poor quality of the tape made it impossible to be completely certain, officials running a voiceprint match on the tape said it was close to a 100 percent match to bin Laden. Also, analysts running a digital analysis on the tape found that it had not been tampered with. Senate majority leader Trent Lott said the failure to find bin Laden "called into question the antiterror effort." Lott said, "...we haven't made real progress in finding key elements of Al Qaeda."

Iraq to give report: On Tuesday, Iraq promised to give a full report on the state of its weapons programs by Dec. 8, as well as give U.N. arms inspectors full access to all sites in the country. President Saddam Hussein's adviser General Amir al-Saadi said, "Within 30 days, as the resolution says, a report from Iraq will be submitted on all the files -- nuclear, chemical, biological and missile files." By Jan. 27, the arms inspectors are supposed to give their first full report to the U.N. Security Council.

Data compiled by Paige Wassel with information from the New York Times.

Milligan students 'swing a hammer for Jesus' with Habitat for Humanity

Ali Waters

Reporter

A group of Milligan students and faculty took on the project of organizing a campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity this fall.

According to the Habitat for Humanity International website, each chapter "is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. HFHI seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action."

Millard and Linda Fuller founded HFHI in 1976. Habitat has built over 125,000 houses in the world in more than 3,000 different communities.

Mark Matson, academic dean and assistant professor of Bible, has been interested and involved in Habitat for many years.

"I think this is one of the finest



Cassie Lomison, freshman, stains the gazebo at the Appalachian Christian Camp with other volunteers in Habitat for Humanity. This marks Milligan's first Habitat chapter.

Photo by Jason Harville

organizations to bring real economic value to poor families that I can think of," he said. "It brings Christians together with the homeowners-to-be in a productive sense and generally provides a healthy approach to lifting people out of poverty and giving people a sense of pride."

According to Bert Allen, chair, area

of social learning and professor of psychology, several members of the faculty participated in past Habitat events and had been searching for ways to get students involved. Last spring, these faculty members sent a campus e-mail announcing a meeting of all who wanted to be involved.

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Milligan, ETSU collaborate with 'Oedipus the King'

Paige Wassel

Managing Editor

The curtain went up this week at ETSU's Bud Frank Theatre for a collaborative production of Sophocles' "Oedipus the King" between the East Tennessee State University Division of Theatre and the Milligan College Theatre Department.

This 90-minute show runs from Nov. 19 to Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. and on Nov. 24 at 2 p.m.

Richard Major, chair, area of performing, visual and communicative arts, professor of theater and director and producer of the production, said this is his third time to work with "Oedipus" and it has always been one of his favorite plays.

"I love this play and the fact that it is so old but it still works," Major said.

After examining many translations of the play, he settled on one version but

adapted it from other translations.

Major said he feels the cast and company have developed a fresh interpretation of the material that will be accessible to all types of theatergoers. He described the show as the work of "some of the best creative minds in the region" which combines ancient music with a beautiful set and a 23-member cast in period costumes.

"It's a beautiful show to look at," Major said.

The play was cast at the end of August so that Greek face masks could be created for the actors. Major said the cast and company held 24 or 25 rehearsals before opening week.

"I like a compressed rehearsal schedule," Major said. "That way the cast and company are peaking at just the right time."

The cast includes James Cronin as Oedipus, Amy Tallmadge as Iocaste,



Adam Meyers as Creon brings news from the oracle to Oedipus at his palace.

Photo by Jason Harville

Adam K. Meyers as Creon, Paul Blowers as Teiresias, Carrie Smith as the priest (choral leader), Ben Buckner as the messenger from Corinth, Roger Carson Price as the shepherd and Jonathan Hall and Mikal Joplin as messengers from the palace.

The chorus includes Amber Dawn Carderelli, Will Coleman, Erin Estep, Jefferson Harbin, Christian McKay, Nathan Moffett, Julie Roberts, Rebecca Schaffer, E.T. Tarlton, Annie Tipton, Crystal Ann VanMeter, Lauren Vernon, Lindsey Vogt and Matthew Weedman.

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Editorials

I hate sending mass e-mails, but...

John Hampton
Reporter



I have been on this great campus we call Milligan College for two years now. In those two years, I have seen more e-mails in my inbox than I ever received in my 18 years before I came to Milligan. Now, I know most of those years don't count, seeing as I was unable to receive e-mail during my more formable years, but I think the point still carries through.

While my Milligan e-mail account has seen such providential information as health tips on the clarity of my urine and the topic of this week's Vespers sermon, there also comes in a plethora of useless, time-wasting material.

It confuses me every time read about a lost item in my e-mail. It was my assumption that Milligan had a Lost and

Found department in the registrar's office. Obviously, someone is getting paid to watch over our lost things--we might as well let them do their job.

Now, don't get me wrong. I love intercampus e-mail. But does every little thing have to appear in my inbox? The most notable subjects are petty fights that break out and are publicized to the entire campus. These are even better if they are staged. (I, of course, here reference the Potter v. Hooker debates).

Milligan College's e-mail accounts are given to students as a way to keep the campus united and informed. Faculty and administrators use intercampus e-mail to inform us of class scheduling changes, campus events and other important information.

To me, at least, it seems the use of "mass e-mails" has become a plague to rival the plagues of frogs and locusts. Students send mass e-mails for the most pointless things, and I, for one, see this as breaking one of the core guidelines for computer use, as prescribed in the Milligan College Handbook, that unending source of knowledge.

And I quote, "Expressly forbidden

are: Using mail or messaging services to harass, offend, or intimidate another person, for example, by broadcasting unsolicited messages, by repeatedly sending unwanted mail, or by using someone else's name or user id."

Notice the "unsolicited messages" part as well as the "unwanted mail."

Use the school e-mail accounts for what they were intended for: informing the Milligan community. In the case where someone needs to express his or her opinion, may I suggest a Letter to the Editor? I think that's the right forum to do so.

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters to the editor and guest columns for our online and print editions.

Submissions should be sent to Managing Editor Paige Wassel via email at pewassel@milligan.edu.

All submissions are subject to editing.

College graduate hiring drops in the last year

Lesley Jenkins
Reporter

The national job market's hiring of graduating college students declined over the past year. Students should start planning for their future jobs as soon as possible in order to avoid the risk of not being able to find a job after graduation, according to John Paul Abner, director of career development.

According to Abner, hiring of college students has dropped 36 percent from 2001 to 2002. This drop in hiring is making networking and searching well before graduation even more important

than in previous years.

Indications suggest that college hiring will stay level or even decrease for 2002-2003 graduating students, said Abner.

"Students should begin networking with Milligan alumni, family and friends now," Abner said. "It is also important for students to get good work experience in his or her field of study."

Internships are extremely helpful when looking for a job after graduation.

"Some Fortune 500 companies hire 80 percent of their employees on internships," said Abner.

It is never too early for students to start thinking about what they will do after graduation.

Abner said, "It's really up to students to start early to prepare for college graduation. Resumes need to be put together by at least January."

The Career Center is putting together career folders for every senior with tips on preparing a resume, interview skills and where to look for jobs. The folders will be distributed by the end of the semester. The Career Center is also pursuing grant funding to increase the services it can provide to the students

Career Briefs

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Features



The Office of Admissions' Open House on Nov. 15 yielded approximately 170 visitors to campus. This turnout marked the largest in several years. The college hosted an academic fair where professors from all majors were available to speak with families about Milligan's programs. The remaining open houses for the 2002-2003 school year are on Feb. 21 and March 21.

Photo by Jason Harville

Students swing hammer, con't.



2002 Milligan graduate David Mayer builds a roof as part of last Saturday's Habitat for Humanity project at Appalachian Christian Camp. This was the group's second work day.

Photo by Jason Harville

"About 20 people came out and lo and behold, we discovered in the group was a former leader of a group in Chicago of all places," said Allen, referring to junior Kurt Davis.

Davis previously served as president of a Habitat chapter at the University of Illinois at Chicago before transferring to Milligan in fall 2001.

"Informally he provided us with information and guidance," said Allen. "A core group formed to provide leadership and impetus to get us moving."

Informal elections were held to select officers based primarily on interest. The executive council includes Davis, president, Beth Jackson, vice president, Karen Guyer, secretary, Melissa Ruhl, treasurer, Shannon Smith and Susan Henderson, fundraising, Aaron Akins, publicity chair and Anthony Dunning, chaplain. Dunning shares responsibility with Davis and Andrew Spayde as a three-person construction chair.

"We're just a construction volunteer organization until we're official," said Davis.

They have even developed their own motto, "swinging a hammer for Jesus" in

addition to the Habitat motto of "building homes for God's people in need."

As a campus chapter, Milligan will be affiliated with the local chapter based in Kingsport, which includes the Tri-Cities area and Elizabethton.

"We will be part of a labor force, and they will help us find things to do," said Davis.

The response on campus has been huge.

"There are about 50 people on the mailing list, and it adds every week," said Davis.

One e-mail response from a student expressed his appreciation for a group that was willing to actually do work with their hands.

Allen said this e-mail is evidence that young people are willing to be involved in community-focused, volunteer groups.

"I think it opens up a new avenue for student interaction with the local community, will provide an opportunity outside of class of students to come in contact with faculty, and I believe will reflect very well on Milligan in the local community," said Matson.

Two freshmen reflect on their open house visits at Milligan

An interview with freshman Martha Rose and Christan McKay, editor-in-chief.

Q. What were your expectations of Milligan before you visited?

A. My expectations of Milligan included a strong Christian environment, a good academic program and a theatre department (even though that is only my minor).

Q. Did you visit an open house or come on your own?

A. I came to the open house in Feb. this year. I also attended the June Connections.

Q. How did your experience influence your decision to come to Milligan?

A. For me, the open house just reconfirmed for me that I was supposed to come here. I had already decided for the most part the I would be attending Milligan this fall.

Q. Do you think that experience accurately reflected life here?

A. I have to answer yes and no. Perspective students receive a pretty accurate picture for the amount of time they spend on campus, going to classes, meeting potential professors and eating in the cafeteria. However, the perspective students do not or are not able to spend the amount of time required to really get a goods picture of the college and what life can be like here during the semester.

Q. Any advice for perspective students?

A. All schools will have their good points and not so good points, just remember to keep God in on your decision making process and you can't go wrong. Have a great day and don't forget to carry your umbrella!

Oedipus, con't.

"I think it's going to be a unique experience," Milligan sophomore Carderelli said. "Working with the masks is really different."

Other company members include Oliver Lo, choral director, Pam Hurly, choreographer, Scott Hardy, lighting design, Scott Koenig, sound design, Melissa Shafer, scenic design, Karen Brewster, costume design, Jonathon Taylor, stage manager, Kristen Speak, assistant stage manager and Corey Sutton, hair and wig design.

Major strongly suggests that students call 439-7576 to reserve their \$8 tickets.

An interview with freshman Richard Kenny and Christan McKay, editor-in-chief.

Q. What were your expectations of Milligan before you visited?

A. I had high expectations of Milligan. I didn't really know specifically what to expect. All I knew was that Milligan produces a lot of strong Christians that I knew.

Q. Did you visit an open house or come on your own?

A. I did visit an open house in the fall of 2001 as well as come on my own in the spring of 2002.

Q. How did your experience influence your decision to come to Milligan?

A. To be honest, after the open house, I was discouraged to come to Milligan and I thought this wasn't where God wanted me. However, it was when I came up to visit in the spring and I stayed for four days when I fell in love with Milligan through the relationships I was able to begin building. I believe that is where the heart of Milligan's campus lies.

Q. Do you think that experience accurately reflected life here?

A. Open house did not accurately reflect life here, I don't know if I can really pinpoint why, though. Things like that, it's easy to see a bit of a show being put on and it's easy for me to see through that. Milligan doesn't need to put on any show!

Q. Any advice for perspective students?

A. Don't make a decision based on a visit. Yes, they help, but if I followed the decision I made after my visit, I would not be here.

Want to Win \$10?

Submit your most creative and feasible suggestions for use of the tops of the new outdoor trash cans in the center of campus.

The Stampede staff will vote and the winner will be announced in this semester's final edition of the Stampede.

E-mail Paige Wassel by 6 p.m. on Dec. 2 at PEWassel@milligan.edu

Sports

Lady Buffs end soccer season in regional tournament game

Erin Blasinski
Reporter

After losing to Covenant College in the conference tournament, the Lady Buffs stepped up their play in the regional tournament, winning two matches to advance to the championship game against No. 1 ranked Union College. They ended their season with a 5-2 loss against Union.

In the first round of the regional tournament, the women's soccer team defeated Brescia College 9-0.

"We all wanted to win really badly after the loss to Covenant," said freshman Katie Lindemann. "We played at our level and dominated the whole game."

Bianca Spoto scored three goals and Salem Wood, Rebekah Hulien, Lindemann, Kim Morris, Deniece Kitchin and Cora Deakins each added one goal for the Lady Buffs.

Deakins and Hulien posted their first goals of the season.

"Despite playing on soaked fields, we played really well," said freshman Allison Murray. "We finished our shots, our defense was really strong and we just had fun."

Goalie Emma Wirkus had four saves,

all of which were in the second half.

"It was really good to come back and win after the upset by Covenant," said freshman Tanya Ruppert.

In the second round of the regional tournament, the Lady Buffs defeated Bethel College 8-0.

Wood scored Milligan's only goal in minute 67 of the game.

"We played really well against Bethel and out-hustled them despite the bad playing conditions," said Kitchin. "Salem stepped up and played hard, and our defense did a great job shutting down Bethel's number one player."

Wirkus had two saves.

In the championship game, held Saturday against Union College, the Lady Buffs ended their season in a 5-2 loss.

"We came out flat and stayed flat the whole game," said Wirkus. "I don't think that we came out ready to play. This was a disappointing note to end the season on."

Union led the Buffs 2-0 going into the second half.

Freshman Breanna Shelton gave Milligan their first goal with a header off of a corner kick and Morris scored Milligan's second goal from a penalty kick.

Basketball briefs

Men

The Milligan College basketball team lost to Berea College 82-64 on Nov. 16 at Steve Lacy Fieldhouse.

Craig Emmert, sophomore forward, was the top scorer for the buffs with 15 points. Junior guard Michael Morrell finished with 14 points.

Women

The Lady Buffaloes basketball team played Berry College on Nov. 15. The team was overcome 74-46. Vera Conkin, senior, was high scorer for the team with 12 points shooting 4-5 from the 3-point range.

On Nov. 16, the Lady Buffaloes beat Shorter College 70-66.

Kari Stout, freshman, scored 26 points to lead the Buffs in scoring while senior Amanda Hammons contributed to the victory with 15 points.

Information compiled by
Lesley Jenkins



Freshman JaKeith Hairston slam dunks in Tuesday's basketball game. Milligan won the game 97-33 against Warren Wilson.

Photo by Jason Harville

Volleyball team advances to regional championships

Myra O'Dell
Reporter

The Appalachian College Association Conference Tournament set off at King College on Nov. 15. Milligan's first opponent was Covenant College. Wendy Weaver led with 17 kills and 18 digs while Heather Lanning attributed 27 set assists. The Lady Buffs won in four games.

In the second round, Milligan faced Bryan College, who held the second seed. With 9 blocks and 9 kills from Melanie Reed and 20 digs from Melody Black, the Lady Buffs defeated Bryan. The scores were 30-27, 33-31, 21-30 and 30-25.

The following day, Milligan faced the number one seed, King College, but lost in three games. Next, they played UVA-Wise resulting in a three game win for the Lady Buffs to advance them to the finals. Again, Milligan and King battled it out, but Milligan lost again in three games finishing second in the tournament.

The Lady Buffs now advance to the Region 12 Championships this weekend held in Louisville, Ky. at Spalding University. They have the number five seed and will play number four seed, Brescia University, on Nov. 22. The winner of this match will play King College, who has a bye in the first round on Saturday. The championships will take place later that day. The winner of the regional tournament will compete in the NAIA National Championship in San Diego, Calif.

Seniors Wendy Weaver and Heather Lanning were picked to the All-Conference team. Weaver has earned a spot on the team all four years at Milligan.

"We've worked really well as a team lately," said senior Christina Medlin. "We'll have to get by King to get to the top."

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-Christina Medlin

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From the wire

Terrorist attacks in Kenya: On Nov. 28, three suicide bombers detonated their explosives at the Paradise Hotel in Mombasa, Kenya, a hotel popular primarily with Israeli tourists. The explosion killed 12 people, most of whom were Kenyans. That same day, terrorists fired "shoulder-launched missiles" at an Israeli passenger jet in Mombasa, but did not hit it. Later that day, terrorist gunmen opened fire outside a Likud Party office on election day, killing six Israelis and wounding several others.

The attacks have been potentially linked to the Al Qaeda, and some are viewing the attacks as a terrorist response against the United States once again, who has utilized Mombasa as a military base. Kenya has been a key ally in battling the war against terrorism, providing both troops and a location from which to strike the Al Qaeda network. Israel and the United States have been allies in the anti-terrorism campaign, although the United States is asking Israel to use caution in retaliatory measures for the recent attacks, hoping that anti-Israel groups in the Middle East and Europe will not be stirred up in the coming months.

Iraq arms inspectors: In a recent inspection on Dec. 2, United Nations inspectors found "a number of pieces of equipment" missing at a top-secret missile development plant that had been found in 1998. This presents the first potential problem inspectors have run into as United Nations resolutions have required that no equipment be moved. Inspectors have not publicly disclosed what was contained in the missing equipment that they discovered was absent at a missile plant in the Waziriyah district of northern Baghdad.

AOL shares drop: On Dec. 3, AOL Time Warner shares fell 14.2 percent on the New York Stock Exchange. This followed the announcement that the company was "switching the emphasis away from selling Internet access and toward selling an add-on high-speed version of its service to customers who may buy high-speed Internet access from phone or cable companies."

Data compiled by Paige Wassel with information from the New York Times.

New coach brings a passion, love to the game of soccer

Erin Blasinski

Reporter

New women's soccer coach David Dixon is excited to be at Milligan and has high hopes for the women's team.

"I have a passion for soccer and a love for the game," said Dixon. "I am excited to be here in the small, family, Christian atmosphere. My desire is to help develop Milligan into one of the best small college programs that I can."

Dixon comes to Milligan from Belhaven College where he coached for four seasons and was named NAIA Regional Coach of the Year in 2001.

He looks forward to building on and

expanding the soccer tradition at Milligan and hopes to take his team to a national championship.

Dixon is familiar with college soccer having played for Houghton College where he was named NAIA All-American goalkeeper and also took his team to three national championships.

"Playing soccer in college was one of the best experiences of my life," said Dixon. "I know the importance of building lasting relationships and pursuing my goals as a player and a person. I want to see my players fulfill what they want out of Milligan and the soccer program."



New Women's soccer coach David Dixon comes from Belhaven College. Dixon was named the NAIA Regional Coach of the Year in 2001.
Photo by Jason Harzlin

\$1.9 million Lilly endowment approved

John R. Hampton & Lesley Jenkins

Reporters

Milligan College will begin the implementation of the Lilly Endowment in January 2003. The endowment is for \$1,956,907 over five years, the amount asked for in the college's proposal.

The grant was given to Milligan under the Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation 2002 division. This Lilly program is designed to aid schools in finding and educating talented leaders dedicated to high religious standards.

Milligan, along with 39 other schools, received funding under this program of the Lilly Endowment.

Don Jeanes, Milligan president, believes that the grant will have "a tremendous impact on Milligan and our emphasis on servant-leadership."

The grant is used for programs at Milligan such as the Partnership in Youth in Ministry program as well as other programs the school uses to promote servant-leadership in the community and the college.

"Our goal is to provide a cohesive way for students to consider their vocational choices in light of their faith as they grow intellectually and spiritually," said Jeanes. "We want students to

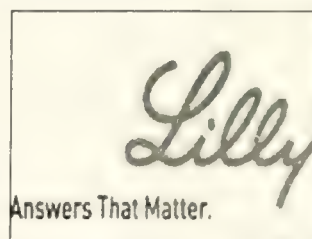
explore their vocational choices from the perspective of a calling to ministry - regardless of the specific field they will ultimately enter."

Milligan received a \$50,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment March 4, 2002 to form a proposal group. There were 35 people involved in the Milligan Planning Group, which consisted of faculty, staff, trustees and students. The planning group began the process of drawing a proposal for up to \$2 million in March. Todd Norris, vice president for institutional advancement and Theresa Garbe, director of alumni and foundations relations, led the group.

"We plan to explore even deeper levels of involvement with existing church and para-church partners, as well as alumni and friends," Norris said. "They can provide essential resources for our mentor programs and internships. And they effectively and vividly model Christian leadership in a variety of vocations."

Norris also said the new program will integrate well with the college's Institute for Christian Leadership.

"The goals are the same - to advance the premise that leadership through service and Christian witness is a call for all Christians, regardless of their sphere of influence or profession."



The Eli Lilly Corporation approved Milligan for a \$1.9 million endowment this year. Part of these funds will have an impact on scholarship funds.

Garbe said the grant "will help Milligan do what it does already a whole lot better."

The grant will significantly impact students by providing scholarship money, widening the Career Development Program and improving the residence halls, she said.

Decisions concerning the distribution of the grant money will be made by a new director that will be hired as soon as possible next semester.

Garbe said that receiving this grant puts Milligan along side other "prestigious" schools that received the grant, such as Duke University, Boston College, Azusa Pacific University, Messiah College, Georgetown College and others.

Editorials

Senioritis: Random thoughts on my life at Milligan

Christian McKay
Editor-in-Chief



What exactly does this mean and why do I care? You may ask.

Well, practically speaking, it means that this semester, don't ask me any questions regarding the newspaper because I won't know.

On a more sentimental level, it means I'll be passing the torch of leadership to our wonderful Managing Editor, Paige Wassel (from now on please direct all questions to her...just kidding).

Plus I get to take this time to relay

So here I am sitting in front of my computer and finally graduating...well not exactly graduating from Milligan, but graduating from my post as

Editor in Chief of the Stamped.

some of the wisdom I've accumulated at Milligan College, via this traditional farewell column (please, no tears).

For those of you reading this who are faculty and staff, you may want to stop now, so I don't give away any secrets that might seem corruptive to undergrads. Oh well, I'm graduating in May so you can keep reading.

First, pass along to all incoming freshmen you may know and/or meet that they shouldn't believe everything that they read in the Summer Sizzler.

When I came in as a freshman, I thought that the Sizzler was basically the second most accurate piece of literature

every written, just under the Bible.

If you actually follow what it says, however, you'd come to college with only your clothing and a stack of classical literature books, and remain holed up in your dorm studying 24 hours a day

(that is except for your trips to Buffalo Mountain and the drive-in theater).

Televisions, DVD players, couches, posters, etc. do actually fit in the dorms and you don't have to study every moment to pass your classes.

Second, it is actually okay to skip class every now and then. (Insert gasp here) By missing one class to hang out with your friends, take a road trip or

catch up on some much needed sleep, you will not automatically be given an "F" and be added to the faculty blacklist of "bad students." As a freshman I actually thought this might happen.

Third, don't take your professors for granted.

Milligan has been blessed with an amazing group of faculty and staff.

They hold a wealth of knowledge about life, God and their own discipline area, so take advantage while you're here.

'Finally, though Milligan prepares you to take a step out into the "real world" the most important thing you gain from this institution is not book knowledge, but rather relationships.'

-Christian McKay

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Suggested donation of a canned good for the Haven of Mercy



Lonnie, a current resident in the work program at Haven of Mercy poses for a photograph. All canned goods donated during the Christmas concert will help provide meals for Haven of Mercy residents like Lonnie, as well as many in need throughout the holiday season and into next year.

Photo by Jason Harville

The Area of Nursing of Milligan College is seeking accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Part of the accreditation process requires us to provide an opportunity for affected parties to submit written input into the deliberations of the evaluation team. During its review of the area, the evaluation team considers third-party comments, if any, which are late to the program's compliance with accreditation standards. The accreditation standards are available for review on line at www.aacn.nche.edu

CCNE shares third-party comments with members of the evaluation team prior to the visit, but at no time during the review process are these comments shared with the faculty in the Area of

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News

Matriculation canceled for spring semester

Jennifer Soucie
Copy Editor

This January, returning students won't be attending the biannual matriculation service.

Milligan's policy regarding spring and fall matriculations changed as the result of a committee that studied the effectiveness of the ceremony following the August 2002 matriculation. The decision was made in September by a committee made of members of administration and student marshals.

"The reaction of the students [to matriculation] has been, what I would call, inappropriate. I am frankly disappointed that it had to come to this," said Mark Matson, academic dean and assistant professor of Bible. "There is no easy way to fix it, so we'll just change it."

Undergraduate students lost interest and saw it as a requirement for their public programs curriculum.

The January 2003 service is cancelled. Incoming undergraduate students will sign in the college's register during the August ceremony.

However, under the new policy, once

a student matriculates, no further attendance at ceremonies will be required.

The college will sponsor the fall 2003 matriculation ceremony on Saturday evening of the freshman orientation weekend in August. Families of new students will be able to share in the historic ceremony.

Although returning students will not be required to attend, their presence is still welcome. Faculty members and administration will join the matriculating class in the ceremony.

After review, the consensus was made that the ceremony loses some of its luster and uniqueness when held twice per year, according to Carmen Allen, administrative assistant for academic affairs.

"I personally recommended canceling the spring semester's matriculation," said David Harris, senior class president and a student marshal for matriculation who participated in the committee. "Only having it once a year would make it less routine, students would participate more and [would be] less likely to rebel."

Matson cited excessive applause of matriculating faculty members as "over

the top."

Matson accepted the position of Academic Dean in 1999. He changed the ceremony from the normal chapel time to a weekday evening during the first week of classes in August 2000.

His goal was to include the masters of education, masters of occupational therapy and adult degree completion program students who would be unable to attend the morning ceremony due to work obligations.

However, most graduate students were unable to attend the evening ceremony and thus, unable to participate in matriculation.

Starting in January, each new class in the master's programs will hold its own matriculation ceremony with Jeanes, Matson and program faculty members present.

"We are one campus, we are one college, we are the community of Milligan," was Matson's vision for the evening ceremony that will now be replaced.

His goal was for the entire Milligan community to gather in the same room for the matriculation ceremony each year.

Congrats to Contest Winner Annie Tipton!

The Stampede staff asked in the last print edition for suggestions for the tops of the new outdoor trash cans in the center of campus.

Congratulations to
junior Annie Tipton!

Tipton won \$10 with her idea

"In Milligan's new servant leadership push, how about using the ashtrays as foot washing basins? All they need are little towel holders"

-Annie Tipton

Thanks to all those who participated

Students gather with classes for third annual town meetings

On Dec. 3, the annual town meetings were held to gauge student feedback on programs and resources currently utilized by the college.

The freshman class met in upper Seeger Chapel and was divided into three discussion groups. Each group was given a series of questions concerning their experiences with the mentoring and advising groups and discussing the value of these programs. They also discussed the pros and cons of the registration process.

The sophomore class, meeting in lower Seeger, discussed the various facets of the humanities program and how it can be improved. Some questions discussed included the humanities' relation to the college's mission statement, how Milligan can better explain the program to incoming students, ways Milligan can assist students in their course work, whether students learn better in smaller or larger group settings and what students think about the new testing system with each professor making his or her own test instead of a department test.

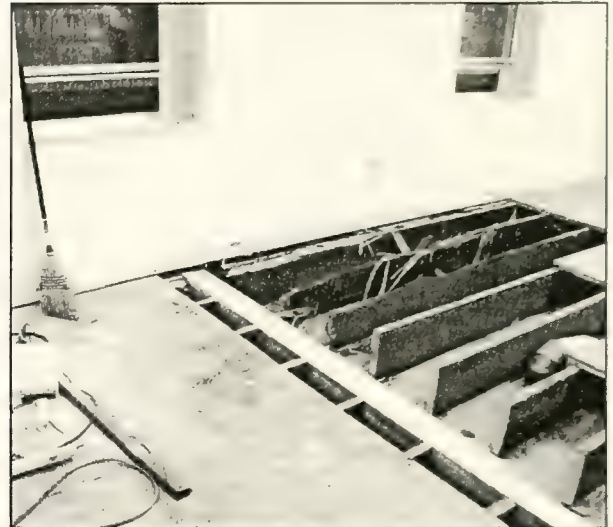
In Hyder Auditorium, the junior class

small groups debated Milligan's academic resources and support. Some of the questions for discussion included what study resources are most helpful, which places are available for studying, ways Milligan could improve study resources, ways the library could improve study resources and how study abroad programs can be better presented to students.

In Wilson Auditorium, the senior class discussed career development. They received packets with materials to aid in the job search and resume writing tips. Senior small groups discussed the effectiveness of career services, preparation for outside employment and the integration of faith into learning.

In this meeting, John Paul Abner, director of the career center, talked about the possible expansion of the program due to Milligan's recent award of a \$1.9 million Lilly Grant.

Senior Laura Reagan felt there should be a greater focus on spirituality outside of first year Bible classes, though she expressed hope that the Lilly Grant would help achieve this goal through further study on the subject.



Classes in Hardin 102 moved out of their assigned classroom last week for a few days before Thanksgiving break after a portion of the floor fell through. Some occupants of the building, including Carolyn Carter, professor of computer science, claimed they have been complaining for several years about a termite problem in Hardin, citing examples of termites scurrying on the floor of the office area below. However, nothing has been done until now. Christ in Culture classes were displaced during final projects, leaving some without proper technology. Crews worked to remedy the problem and classes returned to the space after break.

Photo by Jason Harville

News

Roberson, administration dispute departure

Alison Waters
Reporter

On Jan. 11 of this year, Milligan President Don Jeanes sent this message by e-mail to all faculty and staff:

"Dr. Phil Roberson has resigned for personal reasons as the Director of Teacher Education and Area Chair. Today I announce to the Education Faculty that Dr. Billye Joyce Fine will be the interim Director of Teacher Education and Dr. Bert Allen will be the interim area chair. These appointments are effective today."

The president praised Roberson, saying he had "been instrumental in helping us through NCATE re-accreditation and resolving some licensure issues with the State of Tennessee."

Within two months of this announcement, however, Roberson told the Stampede that he did not resign voluntarily but was asked to leave by the president. Jeanes and Academic Dean Mark Matson have said repeatedly that they could not respond to Roberson's charges because of confidentiality agreements.

Roberson began his Milligan teaching career in the fall of 1998 as an associate professor of education. He served as an associate professor, chair and director of teacher education since the spring of 2000. Before coming to Milligan, Roberson taught in the education department at Utah Valley State College and, before that, the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He has also served as an early childhood program supervisor for Oklahoma City Public Schools and as a child development specialist while completing his doctoral dissertation at Oklahoma State University and searching for a permanent university position.

Roberson's replacement, Billye Joyce Fine, is a Milligan alumna. She earned her doctorate of education from Nova Southeastern University and has a long record of teacher education and curriculum writing, mainly in the Christian private school and Sunday school area. She and her husband, Eddie, served Central Christian Church in St. Petersburg, Fla., and its associated school for 40 years before retiring to Johnson City last year. Eddie Fine, also a Milligan alumnus, is now senior minister at Downtown Christian Church, and he is a member of the college board of trustees.

"The first semester we were back, fall 2001, I was mainly an adjunct professor supervising interns and student teachers," said Billye Joyce Fine.

Fine was interviewed one year before and was hired on contract, but Matson said the administration had been looking for a way "to fit her in."

The announcement of Roberson's resignation followed a Jan. 2 meeting between him, Jeanes and Matson. Roberson said he had scheduled a December meeting with the dean to discuss the annual evaluation of a fellow member of the education faculty. After being rescheduled at least twice, according to Roberson, a meeting was finally scheduled for Jan. 2 in the dean's office. When Roberson arrived, he was surprised, he said, to see Jeanes also present.

"The president's participation regarding the matter and his presence at the early January meeting were never raised by myself or the dean," said Roberson.

Roberson claimed that Jeanes gave him a paper to read, and, "it was like a one-page letter of dismissal." Jeanes, he said, told him they had "decided to go in a different direction."

Roberson said he was given a sample resignation letter to use as a guide in writing his own. It included a paragraph saying that he was not coerced, which he claims is verbatim from the sample. He said the president and dean did not let him keep a copy. Roberson said Jeanes then gave him other alternatives, which included resigning from both positions immediately or retaining only his faculty position until end of the spring semester. Roberson said the call for his resignation was "a shock" to him and his family.

"I agreed to resign in lieu of being dismissed," he said. Roberson had one more year until becoming eligible for tenure. According to the Faculty Handbook, non-tenured faculty can be dismissed without cause; after tenure, the college must furnish a reason.

Roberson submitted two resignation letters, both dated and submitted Jan. 3, 2002. The first letter, his resignation as area chair and director of teacher education, was effective immediately. The letter announcing his resignation from the early childhood education faculty position would be effective May 31, 2002. The second letter, which stated that Roberson was not coerced into resigning, was unannounced until later in the spring, according to Roberson.

"When I let him know that I wanted to stay in the faculty position through the end of May and that I would serve wherever I could in the transition...it still hadn't been announced who would replace me," said Roberson. "They [the president and dean] told me I had to be out of my office by Jan. 11."

Matson said, "I don't recall anything at all like this. If anyone had said so, it would have been me and I did not."

Roberson received financial compensation through Oct. 3 of this year, in accordance with Milligan policy stated in the faculty handbook regarding faculty who are not given a termination notice before Dec. 1.

According to the president, Fine was contacted about the position "some-

where between in that process, between when he talked to us and when he actually submitted [his resignation]."

Fine, however, said she was approached earlier.

"In December [2001], I was asked to meet with Dr. Jeanes and Dr. Matson regarding teaching courses and becoming interim director of education," she said.

"Dr. Fine had had her whole career in elementary education, principal and director of a Christian school," Jeanes said. "Her specialty is early childhood, which is the area of specialty of Dr. Roberson. She was already teaching some, part-time, so we asked her to be director of graduate education."

According to Pat Magness, professor of humanities and English and chair of the recent self-study for re-accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the visiting SACS team made two commendations following its visit to Milligan in February 2002, one on the self-study process and the other on the graduate education department that Roberson led. The team commended the graduate education faculty members for "exemplary practice in teaching and exceptional service to their students and the community."

Roberson told the Stampede that his relationship with the president and the dean was strained before the Jan. 2 meeting, and he disagreed with the dean on many issues, such as technology issues related to the Clark Education Building addition and questions about

the budget and tuition money related to the master of education program.

"I feel like I was expected to be a 'yes man' on many issues and go along with the decisions that were made higher up, and I'm not that kind of person," said Roberson. "I'm more inclined to question things. I don't think my approach was a good fit for their management styles."

Bert Allen, interim chair of education in Roberson's place, is a friend to both Roberson and Matson. Besides sharing the same employer, Allen and Roberson shared many of the same interests, being military veterans of the same era. They often ran together. But even Allen was surprised at Roberson's departure.

"I knew nothing about [Roberson] leaving until it was a done deal," said Allen. "Resignation or termination -- whatever it was."

Administrators maintain that they are unable to discuss the matter because of confidentiality policies.

"I'm not at liberty to expand any further," Matson wrote in an e-mail to the Stampede on Oct. 8. "I am sorry that I can't further answer these questions."

With Roberson's written permission, the Stampede requested to see his personnel file in October, but was refused by the dean, who cited reasons of confidentiality. On Oct. 29, Matson wrote in another e-mail, "I can say that as dean, no circumstance surrounding an issue with a staff member or faculty member of Milligan College has violated careful regard for balance or in any way violated a policy outlined in the faculty handbook."

Matson also wrote, "no decision or action has ever been made by me alone, but only with extensive consultation and discussion, often with the president, cabinet and often faculty members are included in the discussions."

There is some discrepancy as to when Fine was named permanent director of the department. Fine first recalls being named interim director; however, Matson said Fine was always considered permanent.

"She was hired as director," said Matson. "We never made the distinction between interim and permanent. Director of Teacher Education is an administrative assignment that is subject to the appointment of the dean, so I guess it is always potentially temporary. But we never made that an issue with Billye Joyce...In my recollection, Bert Allen was an interim appointment, since we asked him to step in until we could find a chair. But Billye Joyce was always deemed Director."

Roberson now serves as an associate professor of education and director of teacher education at King College in Bristol, Tenn.

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-Mark Matson

Features

A dream achieved

2002 graduates hike entire Appalachian Trail

Jennifer Soucie

Copy Editor

Ten million steps, 2,168 miles and 169 days later, 2002 Human Performance and Exercise Science graduates Alison Matney and Joy Zasadny completed their hike of the Appalachian Trail on Oct. 10.

After their graduation from Milligan on May 12, Matney, 22, and Zasadny, 24, began an adventure one year in the making. Before meeting one another at Milligan, both women created lists of what they wanted to accomplish in their lifetimes. Both lists included hiking the full length of the Appalachian Trail, which runs from Georgia to Maine.

"We love to be outside and enjoy God's creation," said Zasadny.

Before beginning the trip, Matney, of Johnson City, and Zasadny, originally from Minneapolis, thought the journey would be fairly carefree. They completed extensive research on nutrition and physical and mental preparation, but nothing could have prepared them for the experience.

"It was the most challenging physically and mentally that I hope I'll ever have to go through," said Matney.

Hiking over torrential terrain through winds 70 miles per hour, trekking poles saved their knees from severe damage. Their feet were extremely sore each day and Matney's grew an entire size in length.

As soon as they reached their destination each night, they only had strength to eat and sleep. They never once arrived at camp early. They expected to have

"down time" to have philosophical conversations with other hikers and reflect on their surroundings with God.

"Everyone was so consumed with this goal of hiking...we witnessed through our actions," said Zasadny.

"It was the most challenging physically and mentally that I hope I'll ever have to go through."

-Alison Matney

Matney and Zasadny did take time and energy to journal their experiences and sing songs of praise to God while on the trail. They sang, "Great is Thy Faithfulness" while overlooking a bluff and that hymn now holds a more symbolic place in their hearts.

The experience was life-changing for the graduates, but other hikers often had a more earthshaking experience because they did not know the creator who made the beauty that surrounds the trail.

"We had a firm foundation in Jesus Christ. A lot of people don't have that foundation," said Zasadny.

Of the 2,500 hikers beginning at the trailhead in Georgia intending to finish in Maine each year, only 300 complete their goal. Of these 300, approximately 30 percent are women, according to Matney. This statistic is larger than ever before.

Matney and Zasadny each spent \$2,000 living on the trail, spending money in towns for huge meals and \$1,500 on gear before beginning their hike.

They said that staying healthy and feeling full was a major obstacle. Although they were physically fit and

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-Joy Zasadny

planned their nutrition before leaving, Matney lost 10 pounds and Zasadny lost 20. Stopping at small towns, eating a large pizza or three Big Macs didn't seem like a large meal compared to their large appetites.

Matney and Zasadny said that however hungry they may have been, they learned that God provides for their basic needs.

They believe everyone should make a list of goals for their life. Matney also encouraged Milligan students to take advantage of the beauty of the Appalachian Mountains. A hike up nearby Buffalo Mountains takes less than one and a half hours.

"If you don't have an hour and a half, you're too busy," said Matney.



Left to right Joy Zasadny and Alison Matney took the entire Appalachian Trail last summer. Both girls had dreamed of hiking the Trail for much of their lives.

Photo by Jason Hurvill

Milligan Recycling Committee sponsors paper recycling

Jennifer Soucie

Copy Editor

Considering that just twenty-five navy blue recycling bins are placed on campus, loads of paper is now being recycled at Milligan.

The Milligan Recycling Committee, co-chaired by junior Kaitie Anderson and sophomore Andrew Spayde, organized campus-wide paper recycling this semester.

An estimated 2,500 pounds of paper have been collected since Anderson and Spayde placed the bins across campus on Sept. 24. A 30-yard container, which can hold two tons of paper, now sits behind the Physical Plant. Once full, the container will be emptied and ready for another load of recyclable paper.

Theresa Garbe, director of alumni relations, is the faculty sponsor for MRC. A friend introduced her to recycling while they were Milligan

students in the 1980s. She contacted Carter County Solid Waste, which provided a container free of charge.

"I find it hard to believe that we didn't already have an established recycling program," she said. "I'm encouraged that the bins are being filled on a regular basis."

Twenty-five students each volunteered to monitor a bin. When a bin is filled to near capacity, the student empties it into the 30-yard container. MRC placed the bins in prominent locations across campus, from dorm lobbies to faculty offices.

Rosemarie Shields, assistant professor of English and humanities, supports MRC's paper recycling efforts.

"I recycle everything. I have carried papers from [the Baker Faculty Office Center] to the recycling center. Now it is here [on campus]," she said.

While recycling 2,500 pounds of paper in less than three months is

beneficial to the environment, the sheer volume speaks for the campus' total paper usage.

Garbe reinforced that there are always ways to recycle more paper and reduce the amount used. After a person recycles for a while, it becomes a habit.

"I feel like it's wasteful if I just throw paper away. At my house, it's a habit to recycle. We separate the cans, the plastic and the newspapers. If students get into the habit in college, maybe they will continue it with their family," said junior Jennifer Openshaw, who empties the paper recycling bin in the library.

Acceptable materials for the bins include office paper, newspapers, magazines and notebook paper. MRC encourages the Milligan community to remove staples and paper clips, if possible.

Tissues, paper with a waxy coating, cardboard or paperboard are unacceptable in the paper recycling

bins. Cardboard recycling is available behind the cafeteria and is not placed as a result of MRC efforts.

MRC participated in the nationwide America Recycles Day, a nationwide event that collected over 1,000,000 pledges to recycle and buy recycled products. MRC collected 19 pledge cards during Rush Day in September.

Kaitie Anderson said, "We'd eventually like to recycle everything we can. It takes baby steps...we saved 2,500 pounds of paper from going to the landfill where it's going to take up space."

She said MRC hopes to implement plastic recycling campus wide next school year.

"Recycling is important because stewardship is important," said Spayde. "We've been given the physical world by God and it's our responsibility to take care of it. I think recycling is part of that."

Jinx

New improv troupe plans for the future

Paige Wassel
Managing Editor

"Truthfully, we have no idea what we're doing," is the motto the Jinx group picked for their t-shirts.

But seniors Adam Meyers and Christan McKay did have some idea of what they wanted to do when they started this improvisational acting group at Milligan.

"We wanted to do improv at Milligan for a while," McKay said. "Then, one day Adam said, 'Let's just do it.'"

This marks the first year for the improvisational acting group called Jinx, which meets on Thursdays from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Wilson Auditorium or lower Seeger Chapel.

Meyers estimated that around 60 different students have participated in Jinx. However, he said they average around 15 students weekly.

McKay said, "We performed once during sauté night in the cafeteria and we also put on a performance and workshop for the drama club at Elizabethton High School."

The co-founders already had some improv experience. McKay participated in improv in high school, and Meyers attended a workshop put on by a group called Second City this summer at Barter Theater to learn the fundamental principles of improvisational acting.

This acting style calls on performers to react to a situation or object on the spur of the moment, without rehearsed lines or scenes.

Improvisational acting is the basis of the popular ABC television show, "Whose Line is it Anyway?"

Most of the "games," as Jinx participants call them, came from this television show. These include such favorites as "Questions," the game where two performers are presented with a setting and can only communicate with one another using questions. The first performer to make a statement that is not a question goes to the end of the line and a new performer challenges the winner.

"I do it because I can act stupid and fit in," said freshman Kory Drake. "It's also fun."

McKay and Meyers said they set

some ground rules for the games that reflect its place in a Christian organization. The Jinx actors are not allowed to use foul language, obscenities, stereotypes, sexual references or poke fun at others. McKay and Meyers said they have the right to veto anything unsuitable.

Meyers said that they hope to be able to serve dinner and do a performance at the Haven of Mercy next semester.

"We really want to incorporate ministry," Meyers said. "It's fun with a purpose."

McKay said they will perform at Woodland Elementary and hope to travel some next semester.

The co-founders said they've tried to get younger members to participate in Jinx so that the club has the potential of lasting after McKay and Meyers graduate.

"I think we've laid a good foundation this semester," Meyers said.

Jinx is still open to anyone, faculty or students, who want to participate or watch the group perform on Thursday nights.

Theater productions in full force next semester

Though Richard Major, theater professor and chair of the area of performing, visual and communicative arts, will begin his sabbatical work at Barter Theater next spring, theater at Milligan continues with major events next semester.

The spring theatrical production will be "The Odd Couple (female version)," directed by theater major and December graduate, Adam Meyers.

The show will be held in SUB 7 next February.

Auditions for the production will be Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in SUB 7, with callbacks following.

The annual Festival of One Act Plays and Short Films, will also be held in April, produced by Christan McKay, and featuring short plays and films directed by Milligan students and recent graduates. Auditions will be held in March.

For more information on either production, watch for flyers or check the theater callboard outside the registrar's office next semester.

Elvis has left the building, but Mrs. Anthony is here to stay



Alice Anthony poses with Elvis (sophomore Chad Parker) at her art show, "Gone, but Not Forgotten" at the Johnson City Art Council Gallery.

Photo by Jason Harville

Beth Pearson

Contributing Writer

She ain't a hound-dog, but Milligan's Alice Anthony, assistant professor for the practice of art, has a nose for tracking down and photographing Elvis fans.

Most students know her as the photography teacher whose door is always open and whose candy bowl runneth over. But when she's away from Milligan, this Memphis native straps on her blue suede shoes and returns to her hometown to capture the Elvis fan phenomenon on film.

Anthony's family moved to the Graceland subdivision when she was

about 13, shortly after Elvis bought the mansion in the late 1950s. He was in his prime at that time, Anthony said. She remembers seeing fans flocking around his gate, all hoping for a glimpse of the King.

"He would ride through our neighborhood on his motorcycle a lot, usually with some starlet on the back," Anthony said.

Anthony got to meet the rock 'n' roll star on a few occasions. Once he stopped to talk to her, and she got his autograph on her church bulletin.

Another time when Anthony was outside eating an ice-cream cone, Elvis stopped and asked her what she was eat-

ing. In her typical no-nonsense fashion she replied, "What do you think it is?" Elvis laughed and drove off.

Looking back, Anthony regrets that she didn't begin her Elvis photography project while he was still alive and she was still in the neighborhood.

"At the time, I wasn't a big Elvis fan," she said.

Her interest in photographing the Elvis craze began after she moved away from Memphis in the late 1960s. She and her husband, Steve, would return every August to visit her parents. Each visit, she saw people flocking to Graceland, especially after Elvis' death.

In 1982, Graceland was opened to the public, and the fans came by the thousands. Anthony thought the fans "were nuts" and just avoided them for a while, but soon she became fascinated with their Elvis obsession.

Every August since 1996, Anthony has made the pilgrimage to Graceland to photograph the loyal fans who gather to remember Elvis on the anniversary of his death.

Although she's met several people who were borderline crazy when it came to Elvis lore, Anthony has gotten to know some of the fans pretty well.

"Over the years I have come to realize that they are not just strange people

who dress funny or act weird," she said. "They are really ordinary people who are simply Elvis fans."

Anthony has developed a relationship with "the pink and black ladies," Jerri and Annie. These two women have been coming to Elvis week at Graceland faithfully for 12 years, and they dress in pink up until the eve of the anniversary of his death, when they switch over to black to show their respects.

"The pink and black ladies know me now," Anthony said. "(Last time) they came up and hugged me. When that happened, I thought, 'I've arrived.'"

Aug. 17, 2002 marked the 25th anniversary of Elvis' death. Anthony made her annual trek to Memphis to document the event. She's still amazed at the thousands of fans who continue to come to pay their respects.

Anthony's Elvis-fan photographs will be on display from Nov. 22 to Jan. 8 in an exhibit entitled "Gone, but Not Forgotten," at the Johnson City Art Council on Main Street. The exhibit will move to the Millennium Center in Johnson City on Jan. 8, Elvis' birthday, and then on to Northeast State Technological Community College in Blountville. Next August, the exhibit will be on display at the Tennessee Arts Commission Gallery in Nashville.

Features

Open house boasts high attendance, admissions staff hopeful for future



Admissions Committee, left to right, Jim Dahlman, David Mee, John Simonsen and Stacy Tramel review applications.

Photo by Jason Harville

Christan McKay
Editor-in-Chief

Since its peak in 1997, Milligan's enrollment has dropped slightly each year. However, fresh from the November open house with one of the highest attendance rates in recent years, the admissions staff remains optimistic for the future.

The admissions area made several changes and improvements this year, including the addition of new staff and the increased role of ambassadors in the recruiting process. The office also houses a more diverse group of staff members, with two admissions counselors having earned their degrees at other institutions.

Vice president for Enrollment Management, David Mee, details the strengths, goals and changes within the admissions area in the following interview.

Q. Enrollment has consistently been down the past few years. What steps are you taking to counteract this trend?

A. Part of my job is to provide statistics that accurately represent the overall enrollment picture at Milligan, and to share insight that "tells the story beyond the numbers."

While Milligan's traditional undergraduate enrollment peaked in fall of 1997, the last three years have been fairly level. I see this leveling-off/evening-out as somewhat of a positive sign. It's very difficult to plan for growth when there are big swings from year to year. With only a six-student variance in the last three years, we seem to have some stability upon which to build. It's important to note that we are very interested in seeing traditional undergraduate enrollment grow. However, when you look at enrollment by actual type, it does become a bit easier to understand some of the variables at play.

Non-traditional enrollment (graduate and the adult degree completion programs) has fluctuated more noticeably in the last couple of years. When Milligan reached its peak enrollment in

the late 1990s, it came at the culmination of ten years of new programming in its undergraduate and graduate offerings. During this period, Milligan was very effective in identifying new programs that would meet the needs of students, fill holes in regional educational programming, and be consistent with the college's mission (i.e. nursing, adult degree completion, and master's programs in education and occupational therapy). However, in the past five years (the period of enrollment addressed above), other colleges in the region have created similar programs and a new competitive environment exists where there was limited competition before. This is especially true in the adult degree completion and graduate arenas.

Having briefly outlined the enrollment picture, allow me to comment on how we are addressing our challenges.

1. Retention is the cornerstone of enrollment management. Milligan's retention rates are running near historic highs, and it's a testimony to the general good match that exists between Milligan and its student body, as well as the effective programming in the Student Success area.

2. We face the same challenges in student recruitment of traditional undergraduate students as many other private liberal arts colleges. A study in the 1990s suggested that approximately 250,000 high school seniors annually, who, by all accounts, would be good matches for Christian colleges, never even consider colleges like Milligan as an option. As a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association for Christian College Admissions Personnel, I've heard my colleagues mention this reality many times.

One of the primary reasons for this situation: the students' perception of cost. We have an ongoing need to encourage families not to "shop by sticker price." When you consider that well over 90 percent of Milligan's students receive some form of financial aid, it's clear why making assumptions on affordability by simply looking at the

published price for tuition, room and board (before potential financial aid is applied) is not wise. In fact, Milligan returns nearly 40 cents of every tuition dollar in the form of college-funded merit and need-based aid (compared to a national average of around 30 cents).

Further, for 2002-2003, the average private college in America cost \$25,052 for tuition, fees, room and board (according to "The Chronicle of Higher Education"). Milligan is at \$18,760. And while Milligan is ahead in the percentage of the annual budget that goes towards college-funded aid, and below the national private college average for published price, many families and students are making sacrifices to call Milligan their collegiate home. Therefore, it's important for us to continue to assist our current students to meet their financial obligations as best as we can, while also encouraging prospective students to fully explore what financial aid might be available for them.

Another challenge we face is the economy. The past two-plus years have not been particularly good. And when that is the case, families often turn to public colleges. A stock market shift, especially like the one that occurred last spring, can immediately cause some families to reevaluate their college options.

As a side note, public institutions, recognizing the draw that private colleges have for students seeking personal attention, etc., have begun to create programs that attempt to mirror some of the characteristics of smaller colleges (residential honor programs, etc.). I have sensed that admissions operations on public campuses are becoming more like private colleges (increased personal contact with prospects, etc.).

Most on campus know that we launched Connections-New Student Orientation last spring for entering freshmen and transfer students. This was very well received and we look forward to the events coming up in April and June 2003. Programs like Connections build stronger bonds with incoming students. The enrollment deposit cancellation rate fell from 24 percent for fall 2001 to 8 percent for fall 2002.

3. As already mentioned, non-traditional enrollment has varied more as of late. There are some exciting developments on the non-traditional front. The M.S.O.T. program (which did not enroll a new class this fall), already has 12 applications for fall 2003. I am very encouraged about the prospects.

The new MBA program, which only

made its public launch last week, already has approximately 14 applications for next summer's inaugural class. Since the MBA program is an addition to our academic offerings, these students should help to bolster enrollment for fall 2003.

4. Making Milligan as visible as possible to prospective college students, parents, ministers, guidance counselors, etc. is very important. The Admissions and Public Relations offices have recently teamed together to approach to the way we promote all the opportunities that exist at Milligan. We are confident this will help to ensure all our programs are being promoted effectively.

Q. At the same time, the November open house was one of the largest in recent years. How do you feel about this and do you think it shows a good prospect for next fall's enrollment?

A. To say I was pleased with our first open house of the year would be an understatement. I have been involved in this type of event at three colleges, and I can't remember a time when there were more positive comments made by students, etc. during and after the program. We must give a lot of credit to our student volunteers and faculty who were so welcoming and helpful in answering questions, etc.

The number who attended the November open house was certainly a positive sign for future enrollment. We are also experiencing an increase in the number groups (churches, etc.) who are scheduling visits to campus. It's very difficult to make concrete predictions about enrollment in the immediate future, but I am encouraged by the number of students who have applied and been offered admission for fall 2003 as of Nov. 22, 2002 (11 percent ahead of last year to date).

When I made the decision to come to Milligan about 18 months ago, I knew there would be challenges. But I also saw a college that has much to offer prospective students. I was convinced then, and I still am now, that Milligan has yet to enjoy its true enrollment potential. Our long range planning has a vision of 1,200 total students. There is no question that this goal is reasonable. But like many things in life, we must be committed to the process of getting there, including adjusting to factors that may be out of our control. It is important for the college to reach a new plateau the right way: though continued improvement in retention rates, larger new student classes and expanded graduate/non-traditional enrollment. It's like a stool, all three "legs" are important for stability.

Sports

Lady Buffs win AAC championship after Union stripped of title for ineligible player in tournament

Erin Blasinski

Reporter

The Milligan women's soccer team received the Appalachian Athletic Conference regular season championship and Covenant College received the AAC tournament championship after the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics stripped nationally ranked Union College of its titles.

The forfeit

According to Union's website, the team was forced to forfeit seven of its regular season games and three of its conference tournament games after the NAIA discovered "the inadvertent use of an ineligible player." The player's name was unavailable.

Prior to NAIA's ruling, Union posted a season record of 14-0-2 according to the NAIA. After the forfeit, Union's regular season record was changed to 8-7-1 and the conference record was changed to 6-2-1, according to Union.

The competitor

"Unbeknownst to Union, she had played three years in Brazil and one year at Mid-America before coming to Union," said Milligan coach Marty Shirley.

"Although Union had the responsibility to check the player's background, the young woman and Mid-America were also responsible for letting Union know about her previous years of college level play."

The cost

Shirley said the forfeit of games gave his team a one-win advantage over Union in the AAC. NAIA, however, did not discover the situation until two days prior to the regional tournament.

If the problem had been found earlier, Milligan would have been given a first round bye in the conference tournament and would have hosted the regional tournament.

"As a team, Union is deserving of playing in the national tournament," said Shirley. "They are a very good team and worthy of a high ranking. However, this incident foreshadows the team and makes it look like they got to the tournament in the wrong manner."

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-Marty Shirley

Lady Buff Salem Wood helped the women's soccer team to finish strong this season. Milligan received the Appalachian Athletic Conference title this year.

Photo by Jason Harville



Sports briefs

Lady Buffs basketball team loses to Tusculum College

The Lady Buffaloes suffered a loss to Tusculum College on Dec. 3 at home 68-59.

Milligan shot 33 percent from the field while Tusculum shot 53 percent. This loss gives the Buffs a record of 3-3. Freshman Kari Stout and senior Kristin Kerkvliet contributed nine points each.

Vera Conkin, senior guard, scored 12 to lead the team. Ginny White, sophomore guard, added 10 points and four steals.

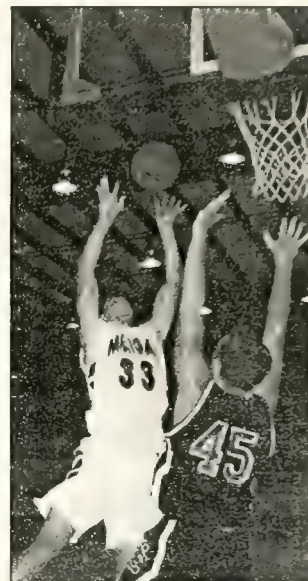
The Lady Buffs trailed at half time 31-25, but couldn't make up the deficit in the second half.

Buffaloes win against Crown College

The men's basketball team defeated Crown College on Dec. 3 at Steve Lacy Field House 89-42.

According to Tony Wallingford, head coach of the Buffaloes, the team played very well and hard to get the victory. The team played very "balanced and that's why we won," he said.

Junior Jonathan Harris led the team in scoring with 23 points, with sophomore Craig Emmert close behind with 21 points.



Sophomore Craig Emmert shoots the ball at a home game last Tuesday. Milligan beat Crown 89-42.

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From the Wire

Bush addresses the nation: On Tuesday night, President Bush delivered his second State of the Union address, outlining both key themes of his administration and assuring the nation that he was prepared to deal with both "economic troubles and foreign crises." Key themes Bush addressed include tax cuts, health care, volunteerism, the weak economy, AIDS, terrorism, and the possibility of war. Bush said his first goal is to revive the economy, and he said his \$670 billion tax cut plan will help this effort. Concerning Iraq, Bush said that the United States would seek, but not depend on, support from other nations in confronting Hussein. "We will consult, but let there be no misunderstanding: If Saddam Hussein does not fully disarm, for the safety of our people, and for the peace of the world, we will lead a coalition to disarm him," Bush said.

Court date set for Sniper: On Tuesday, Virginia Circuit Judge Jane Roush gave sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo, 17, a Nov. 10 trial date where he may face the death penalty. Along John Allen Muhammed, Malvo is accused of taking part in the Washington, D.C. area shootings last fall, which resulted in the deaths of 13 people and wounded six others. These shootings took place in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. Virginia was selected as the jurisdiction where these two suspects should first be tried because prosecutors have the best opportunity to get the death penalty. Muhammed's trial is scheduled for mid-October in the nearby Prince William County.

Steps taken to prevent bioterror: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are taking steps to prevent bioterrorism by creating a computerized network that pools data on a variety of illnesses in hopes of detecting a bioterror attack early. This data would be gathered from "visits to doctors' offices and emergency rooms, drugstore sales and calls to poison control centers in major U.S. cities." The data, largely organized by symptoms, would be compared with regional norms for the season, so that, hypothetically, surges in certain illnesses may lead officials to a potential bioterror attack. The new system will be located in the same cities as the new Bio-Watch air quality monitors that the Environmental Protection Agency announced it would develop last week. "The EPA monitors are designed to provide 24-hour notice of any release of anthrax, smallpox or other deadly germs."

-Compiled by Paige Wassel with information from the New York Times and the Associated Press.

Vespie resigns as resident director

Alison Waters
Reporter

David Vespie, who came to Milligan a year and a half ago after his graduation from Bluefield College, is no longer serving as resident director of Kegley and Quillen Halls or apartment manager of the Milligan Student Apartments and Suites.

Just after the spring semester began, men's residence life experienced a significant change in leadership, beginning with Vespie's resignation.

"Scott Wakefield will now be operating as the resident director of Kegley and Quillen, as well as Webb," said Danielle Booth, director of student life.

"David gave a lot to the Office of Student Life and has always been very personable and professional," said Booth. "I will personally miss having [him] on our team."

Vespie's primary positions at Milligan included intramural director, assistant men's basketball coach, in addition to his role as resident director of Kegley, Quillen and MSA.

Vespie said he is leaving the position as resident director and apartment manager because the college handbook prohibits pets on campus.

For his birthday on Jan. 6, Vespie's wife gave him a dog. Knowing college policy, Vespie said he originally planned to give the dog to a family member.

However, according to Vespie, at a meeting with Fox regarding intramural sports, the subject of his dog came up.

Vespie said Fox gave him the option of getting rid of the dog or moving off

campus.

"I made it clear he couldn't live here with a dog," said Fox. "I have to enforce policy."

When Julie Ray lived in MSA as the resident director, she openly had a pet dog.

"I still wanted to be the R.D., I just wanted to keep my dog. He gave me the ultimatum, so I had to choose. Obviously when I found [a] house it made it easier for me," said Vespie.

According to Vespie, when he informed Fox of his decision to move off campus, Fox told him that, if he followed through, "they would look for someone else for his intramural position in May."

Fox said he does not recall making this comment.

"That's probably the result, though," Fox said. "I have to have someone."

Fox said that the college tries to package different jobs together, and that the college can't afford to hire separate people for each position; hence, each of Vespie's separate positions were contingent upon each other.

According to Vespie's contract, none of his salary came as a result of his position as resident director.

Fox maintained that he could not comment on salary matters, saying only that the jobs were linked to each other.

Ninety percent of Vespie's income came from his position as intramural director. His contract with Tony Wallingford, head coach of men's basketball and golf, is a two-year contract that, according to Fox, will be discussed by Fox and Wallingford.

Prior to classes starting, senior



Assistant Men's Basketball Coach and Intramural Director David Vespie resigned as R.D. of Kegley, Quillen, and MSA.

-Photo courtesy of the Milligan Website.

Charlie Kleine resigned from his position as resident assistant of Kegley. His position has been filled by fellow senior Ryan Starr.

"Due to personality conflicts with Mr. Fox, I choose not to work with him," said Kleine. "I liked working with David Vespie, and when problems arose, he interceded on my behalf."

The college has given the position of apartment manager to 2002 Milligan graduate Andy Stoots. Stoots, who also serves as assistant and goalkeeper coach of the men's soccer team, will hold the residence life position at least until May.

Stoots said he plans to continue with soccer regardless of his position as apartment manager.

Roggie hired as new athletic trainer

Annie Tipton
Reporter

In an e-mail sent Jan. 8 to the Milligan community, Ray Smith, athletic director and assistant baseball coach, announced the hiring of Erica Roggie as the new athletic trainer. Roggie filled the position Cary Targett left in the fall.

According to Smith, Kim Hyatt, head volleyball coach, met Roggie, then a staff member of Pikeville College's athletic department, at a volleyball match between Milligan and Pikeville College in Pikeville, Ky. Hyatt, knowing Milligan was in need of an Athletic Trainer, introduced Roggie to Smith and Kevin Brinn, director of sports marketing, who both traveled to Pikeville to watch the match.

"We had her application [for the job] before we left that day," Smith said.

Smith said five or six other applicants were interviewed for the job, but that Roggie was "at the top of the list."

Roggie graduated in Dec. 2001 from Houghton College in N.Y. with a bachelor of science in athletic training. She was a substitute teacher for six months and then became the Pikeville Athletic Trainer.

Smith described Roggie as a "go getter" who is very organized. "She's very good at what she does," he said.

Roggie said she enjoys the challenges of athletic training.

"One day is never the same as the one before it. I love the challenge of improving something and making it more efficient," she said.

Roggie can usually be found in her Lower Fieldhouse office mornings from 9 a.m. to noon.



Roggie wraps an ankle in her office in the Lower Fieldhouse.

-Photo by Jason Harville.

Eastridge resigns as music professor

Alison Waters
Reporter

Carlene Eastridge will be leaving her position as assistant professor of music at the end of this academic year.

According to an e-mail on Jan. 29 from Mark Matson, academic dean, Eastridge is resigning for personal reasons.

"Carlene has been particularly strong in her close relationships with students,

and she will be missed by students and faculty alike," said Matson in the e-mail sent to all faculty and staff.

"We have...accepted her resignation with deep appreciation for her efforts on behalf of Milligan College and its students."

Eastridge came to Milligan in 1994, where she has directed the female vocal ensemble Milligan Singers and the Keyboard Ensemble, and gave group and

individual piano lessons.

"I am totally surprised," said senior music education major Christy Lewis. "I knew nothing about it."

"She's a lady with a great relationship with students," said John Wakefield, associate professor of music, "and that certainly has been a great asset for her and for the students. She will be missed."

Eastridge was unavailable for comment before publication.

News

Chris Rice challenges Milligan regarding race issues

Jason Reed

Web Administrator

The minds of the students and faculty at Milligan College were turned to the often forgotten subject of race when Chris Rice spoke in last Thursday's chapel service.

Rice is a student at Duke Divinity School who spent 17 years at Voice of Calvary Ministries in Jacksonville, Miss. He co-authored "More than Equals: Racial Healing for the Sake of the Gospel," and authored "Grace Matters: A True Story of Race, Relationship, Friendship and Faith in the Heart of the South."

Rice was contacted because of his membership in a Durham Church that Phillip Kenneson, associate professor of theology and philosophy and ethnic diversity committee chair, and Craig Farmer, associate professor of history and humanities, attended while students at Duke.

"I know that on any campus race issues are always an issue...and it just seemed like a wonderful opportunity to keep the conversation going," said Kenneson.

Rice's lectures stated that the Christian church is America's most segregated institution. According to Rice, only

5 percent of whites and blacks attend church with Christians of another color.

Milligan reflects this trend; registrar figures indicate that slightly more than 5 percent of students are minorities.

Rice challenged, "Why are we comfortable with that?"

According to Rice, years of separation have pushed race into the back of whites' minds.

Deniece Kitchin, co-chair of the ethnic diversity committee, said whites could ignore the issue of race, but minorities

have to face it everyday.

This disparity in viewpoints makes racial reconciliation and diversity so hard to

"The witness of the church is at stake in the fragmentation of the body of Christ."

-Chris Rice

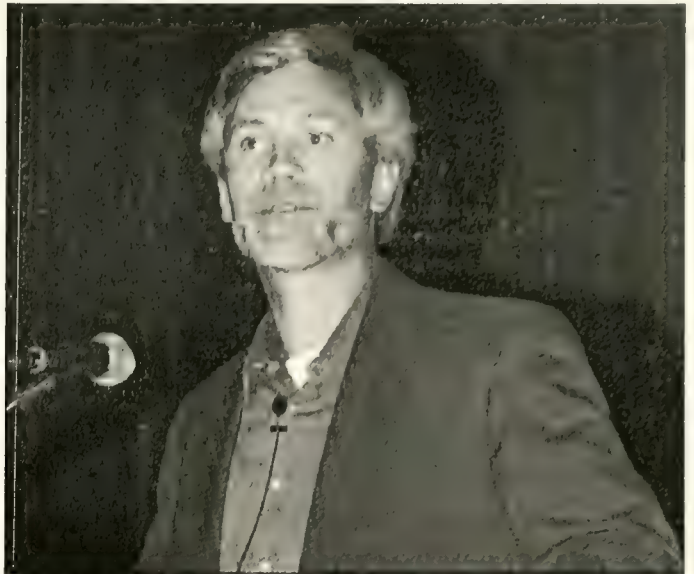
achieve. Rice preached that if Milligan plans to live out the truth of the Gospel, it must create an open and equal environment.

"The witness of the church is at stake in the fragmentation of the body of Christ," said Rice.

Milligan hired Troy Anderson to fill the roles of senior admissions counselor and coordinator of multicultural recruitment.

"My personal goal is to incorporate the vision of ethnic diversity within the student body," Anderson said.

Anderson said he is meeting with key



Chris Rice spoke in last Thursday's chapel on race relations.

-Photo by Jason Harville

minority ministers in the area and planning summer programs that will allow minority high school students to visit the campus.

David Mee, vice president for enrollment management, said the college plans to be more intentional in its efforts to make Milligan more diverse.

"We must be committed to the ideal that Milligan will be a better place for

[diversity]," said Mee.

Mee said building a diverse community will take time, but prove worthwhile. "My prayer is that we will...foster an environment that is increasingly welcoming to students from minority backgrounds, while also recognizing the countless ways these students contribute to making Milligan a wonderful community," said Mee.

Recent games lead to tough play for basketball teams at Milligan

Erin Blasinski

Managing Editor

The Lady Buffs defeated Bryan with a last second 3-pointer.

Fans were on their feet for the final two minutes of the Lady Buffs' win against Bryan College on Saturday night.

"It was a very fun game to play," said sophomore Ginny White. "We needed to win and we beat the number one team in the conference. The whole team played well and we played together."

Junior Joy Clark led the Lady Buffs with 16 points while freshmen Kari Stout added 14 of her own.

"Our win over Bryan was important for us," said Coach Rich Aubrey. "We are trying to re-establish our confidence."

With the game tied 68-68 with 4.9 seconds left on the clock, the Lady Buffs passed the ball off to Stout, who hit a 3-pointer to win the game.

They Lady Buffs improved their regular season record to 8-10 overall and 5-5 in the conference.

In the conference match against Union College on Tuesday night, Milligan women lost 64-74.

Stout led the Lady Buffs with 17 points and Clark and White each added 11 points but this was not enough to defeat Union.

Milligan led the game 37-36 going into the second half, but Union outscored the Buffs 38-27 in the second half to win the game.

The Lady Buffs' records fall to 8-11 overall and 5-6 in the conference.

The men's team lost 57-62 to Bryan College in Saturday's match.

Junior guard Jonathan Harris' 19 points and eight rebounds combined with sophomore forward Craig Emmert's 13 points and 11 rebounds were not quite enough to beat Bryan College on Friday night.

"It was a close game," said Emmert.

"We need to start playing smart and getting the job done. We turn over the ball in important possessions and the other team capitalizes. We need to finish teams off."

-Craig Emmert

Following this game, the Buffs fell to 8-11 overall and 4-6 in the conference.

On Tuesday night, Milligan fell to Union College 80-84 despite high scoring efforts by Emmert who had 29 points and 15 rebounds.

Freshman JaKeith Hariston added 13 points for the Buffs while junior Michael Morrell added 12 points for the Buffs. The Buffs out shot Union 36-34 in the second half.

The men's regular season record fell to 8-12 and their conference record fell to 4-7.



Sophomore Craig Emmert takes the ball for a layup.

-Photo by Jason Harville



Junior Joy Clark helps lead the Lady Buffs in a victory over Bryan College.

-Photo by Jason Harville

FYI

Mahan answers common tax return questions

Jennifer Soucie
Copy Editor

Bob Mahan, associate professor of accounting, limited his responses to U.S. or federal individual income tax documents such as Form 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040.

Q. How much money did I have to make in 2002 before required to file a return?

A. The answer you would think is simple. Alas, if only such things existed within our federal income tax system. The general rule (I'll bypass the complications as best as I can) for filing depends on a couple of items: 1) your filing status (single, married filing a joint return...etc.) and 2) whether you can be claimed as a dependent on your parents income tax return for the same year.

If you are not claimed as a dependent by your parents and you are not married, you are required to file once your income exceeds \$7,700. If you are claimed then the amount is \$4,700. If you are married as of Dec. 31, 2002 and we'll assume you are not claimed by the parents of either spouse, you must file once your income exceeds \$13,850.

All that being said, you would WANT to file even if not required to do so if there has been any income taxes withheld - as shown on your W-2 form. If you are below the required income levels I mentioned above, then you may

be entitled to a full refund of what was withheld.

Q. What paperwork do I need on hand to file my return?

A. For most students the "paperwork" would be their Form W-2 and maybe some bank account/CD interest and dividend income. All the paperwork should be retained, in case of any discrepancies. In most cases, only the federal copy of the W-2 needs to be attached to the return.

Q. I'm graduating this year. Should my parents claim me as a deduction on their return?

A. Well, it isn't like your parents have a choice. If you meet the tax code qualifications as their dependent, then you cannot file as "independent" even if they don't claim you. From your parent's perspective, assuming they would want to be [paying] the least income tax as possible, they should claim you on their return as long as you qualify.

Q. I'm an independent student. What deductions can I take?

A. If you are a full time student and also do not own a home, then your deductions are a bit limited. Your deductions available are basically the same as if you are claimed by your parents.

Q. When can I expect a refund check?

A. Assuming you are entitled to a refund, the average refund time is four to six weeks. This may be shortened if you file early.

Q. I was self-employed in 2002. Do I have to file a return?

A. If you have ANY self-employment income you are required to file once your self-employment earnings (gross, before considering any expenses) exceed \$400. You also must complete a Schedule C and you may be subject to self-employment tax.

Q. I received a large monetary gift in 2002. Does this affect my taxable income?

A. No. Gifts received are not subject to income tax. If, however, you invest the gift money and earn interest and/or dividends, then those earnings would be reported.

Q. I don't want to bother filing my own taxes. Where can I go for professional reliable assistance?

A. There are many places you could go to get professional tax help. For college students I would suggest H&R Block or something similar. Look in the phone book or visit the Mall in Johnson City. I have noticed tax preparers who set up shop in walk areas. You could also go to the IRS office in the Am-South building off of Sunset Drive. The IRS charges no fee, you need to ask the other places.

Letter to the Editor

Due to technology problems, we were unable access the Stampede e-mail account until recently. Below is a Letter to the Editor by Steven Clem responding to Adam Meyers' letter printed in the Nov. 7, 2002 edition of The Stampede.

It continues to amaze me that so many students speak as if the Milligan administration is out to get them.

In response to Mr. Meyers, you automatically assume as if President Jeans planned on the economic downturn that brought much of the giving to this college to a halt.

Then you go on to wonder why Derthick was renovated before a new student commons area was built.

Unfortunately you never went to class in the old Derthick where the carpets had every imaginable stain, the floor sounded as if it was about to collapse, the temperature was either 40 or 90 degrees, and the stage area was not much different than what SUB 7's stage looks like now.

If anything, this administration wanted to build the best for those in the theater department and the students commons area, but just as anything else the best takes time.

I do continue to commend those in the theater department who have managed to put on some amazing performances within the confines of SUB 7.

However, I find it almost humorous that some people believe that the Milligan administration doesn't work hard enough for them.

-Steven Clem

To read Adam Meyers' letter, look at archives of The Stampede online at www.milligan.edu/stampede

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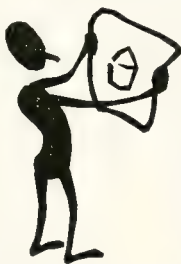
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Features

Senior reflects on Mexico missions trip



Over 70 people ventured to Mexico to volunteer their time for the Crossroads Missions trip this Christmas break. Along with their fellowship with one another, the volunteers also participated in medical and construction activities. The 27-hour road trip proved to be more than just a vacation, but actually an "investment."
-Photo by Jason Harville

Alison Waters

Reporter

"Una mas!" they cried, as they kissed our cheeks again and again.

We climbed in the minivan and even after we closed the back door of the minivan, they still stood looking in at us. Five Americans sat inside, exhausted and watching, without a word. As the minivan began to pull away, children clung to the bumper, chasing us and calling out to us in words we couldn't understand. As we drove out of the poor neighborhood, there was a tug on my heart. Watching those kids run after us, silhouetted in the late afternoon sunlight, is a picture I'll never forget.

One thing that I wanted to do before I graduated was go on a mission trip. So on Rush Day I signed up for information at the Crossroads Missions table. I went to the meetings and suddenly December was here and it was time to go. It almost didn't feel real. When I climbed into the coach bus on Dec. 27 headed for Piedras Negras, Mexico, I did not have the slightest clue what I was in for.

Twenty-seven hours after we left Milligan, we arrived at New Creation Christian Church in Piedras Negras. Three separate groups—one from Milligan, one from New Jersey and one from Georgia—came together to form two teams, one medical and one construction. The construction team stayed at Nueva Creacion, a church in Piedras Negras, and the medical team stayed at Vida Nueva, a children's home nearby. Knowing an equal amount about both—which was practically nothing—I joined the construction team.

Much was accomplished during this one week. The construction team spent their week at Piedra Angular, which means Cornerstone in English, a neighborhood owned by CrossRoads where houses are being built for families. We completed one of the houses and progress was made on several others in the neighborhood, including drywall, interior and exterior painting, ceramic tile flooring, and some roofing. The medical team went to a different church everyday, hosting free medical clinics for those in each area, where they were able to minister to over 450 patients that week.

Everyone on the trip also had the opportunity to volunteer at what is called Open Meal, a ministry for children. When it was my turn to go I wasn't exactly thrilled. I am not good at coming up with things to entertain kids, and I didn't really know what this program was all about. I felt completely out of my element. After hearing stories from others in my group about kids climbing all over them, I honestly wasn't really looking forward to that, especially not knowing where these kids had been. The night before, Wes Arblaster challenged us during our evening worship by talking about how the least shall be the greatest in the kingdom of God.

At the Open Meal, the day begins when the kids arrive and receive vitamins, and have their hands washed and dried for them, then they have a Bible story and craft before we served lunch. As I knelt down and I dried hand after hand and looked into their faces, I knew who I was looking at, and I was humbled.

My roommate Tori Watts was part of the medical team, and we had the opportunity to stay with a Mexican family from the church. Excited at having us in their home, even for a night, they cooked for us, showed us their wedding pictures and asked us as many questions as they could. As it turned out, this same family ended up being the family who would receive the house the construction team completed at Piedra Angular.

Then there was Ezekiel, a Mexican man who visited with us regularly at the church. He spoke only broken English, but he told of how he came to the Lord, how he prayed for Stephanie Baldwin to get her voice back, and how God has been working in his life. He would also come and tell us random words in Spanish, like the word for knee socks.

On our last day there, in one of our most moving experiences, the family came to Piedra Angular where they were presented with the keys to their new house. We prayed with them, and they looked at the finished house for the first time.

There are so many things I won't forget about this trip. Things like not flushing the toilet paper, or cold showers and cold nights under our Mexican blankets, army cots and getting up early. I'll remember the bus trip, the market, our obsession with the Mexican soft drink Manzana Lift, and the friends I made.

If I only remember these things, however, then my trip was nothing more than a vacation. But there was so much more. I'll never forget worshipping with the members of New Creation Christian Church, each singing in our own languages, or the night our groups served communion to each other, two at a time, or our extra long worship time.

This trip was about an investment. It was about Ezekiel, and the family who got the house, and the people who came to the clinics, and the families that brought us into their homes. It was about working together, and making new friends. It was about trying new things and being willing to get a little dirty. It was about trust; in God, in the CrossRoads staff, in the people we served, and in each other. At the beginning of the trip it was about the Mexican people. But in a different way, it was about us as well. Maybe we thought God was using us to help the people there, but while we helped them, they helped us.

It took going 27 hours away to an unfamiliar place for me to be able to hear God speak. All the distractions disappeared, and everyone united for one purpose: to know God and to make Him known.

"...everyone united for one purpose: to know God and to make Him known."
-Alison Waters



Freshman Josh Kaminsky spends time with a local child on the Mexico mission trip. Kaminsky had the opportunity to not only play with the children, but to worship with them as well.

-Photo by Jason Harville

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From the Wire

Greenspan questions Bush's tax cuts:

On Tuesday, Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan disputed Bush's big tax cuts plan, "saying that the economy probably does not need any short-term stimulus and warning that budget deficits could spiral out of control." Although he did not attack any specific agenda on Bush's \$674 billion tax cut proposal, Greenspan did question the administration's philosophy that the budget will be best balanced by encouraging faster growth.

At a hearing of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban affairs, Greenspan said, "My own judgment is that fiscal stimulus is premature." Due to Greenspan's reputation as a knowledgeable analyst of economic matters, his discouraging remarks are likely to negatively influence the perception of the Bush administration's proposed tax cut. Two years ago, Greenspan's support of Bush tax cuts helped them gain approval in Congress.

France submits plan to UN: With the support of Russia and Germany, France submitted a plan to the United Nations Security Council on Tuesday that would aid in weapons inspections and offer an alternative plan to the United States' proposal of disarming Iraq by force. France's plan would seek to double and later triple the number of weapons inspectors and increase the number of aerial surveillance flights.

However, there is some discrepancy that such a plan has even been considered, and Iraq is placing conditions on the U-2 surveillance flights. Security Council Resolution 1441 says that Iraq must allow for unconditional use of the U-2 planes by inspectors, but one official noted that it was common for inspectors to notify Iraq of a window of time when the planes would be flying.

Pentagon project restricted: House and Senate negotiators agreed this week that the Pentagon program Total Information Awareness presented a threat to personal privacy. The program, which is designed to "detect terrorists by monitoring Internet e-mail and commercial databases for health, financial and travel information," cannot be used against Americans, members agreed. In defense of the program, Lt. Cmdr. Donald Sewell, a Pentagon spokesman, said, "The Department of Defense still feels that it's a tool that can be used to alert us to terrorist acts before they occur. It's not a program that snoops into American citizens' privacy." Various Democratic and Republican groups who saw that act as a large step toward further protecting American civil liberties praised the members' actions.

-Compiled by Paige Wassel with information from the New York Times.

Lab equipment stolen from Milligan science building

Alison Waters
Reporter

Close to \$6,000 worth of equipment was stolen from the Milligan College science building over the weekend.

"There were at least two incidents," said Richard Lura, professor of chemistry and chair of scientific learning, "[we think] one on Saturday morning and the other on Sunday morning."

The building was not broken into, however; both incidences took place when the building was already unlocked.

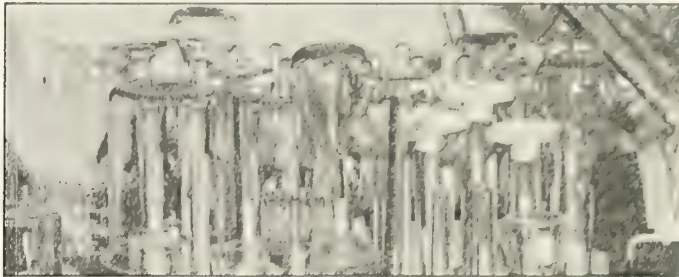
The Elizabethton police report states that the stolen items include five micrikits, four sets of balancing scales, a condenser and a large yellow trashcan, all stolen from the first and second floor chemistry labs.

Senior chemistry major Nathan Henry said none of the chemicals in the locked storage rooms or more expensive equipment was taken. Milligan will file an insurance claim soon, according to Lura.

Henry discovered items were missing on Saturday around noon when he went to the lab to dry out and process chemicals for class.

"In both instances, cabinets and drawers were opened, equipment tossed around or missing, and the security cables that held down the balances were cut or broken," he said.

Unsure of whom to contact first, Henry tried to locate a faculty directory.



-Graphic by Jason Harvate

He located associate professor of accounting Bob Mahan in his office, who in turn called Leonard Beattie, director of the physical plant.

On Saturday, Lura and his wife came to campus to leave lab setup instructions for a lab assistant. He discovered Beattie's truck at the science building and learned of the incident. Beattie notified the Elizabethton Police Department.

On Sunday, Henry and sophomore Justin Peyton discovered the second theft and immediately called Lura.

Lura said that it is generally suspected that whoever stole this equipment was preparing a drug lab, taking equipment that might be used to "make...or separate and purify materials."

"It was very targeted," said Lura. "They cut cables, which meant they had to bring a bolt cutter. They took certain types of balances [and] the glassware that was taken was very selective as well. If they

were just after things to sell, there were other things they could have taken, and they didn't. If they were after money, they would steal indiscriminately."

Beattie said they are unsure whether the burglar was affiliated with the college.

At this time, the science building is being locked everyday at 5 p.m. until the administration reaches a decision regarding future security measures.

"Obviously we're going to have to come up with a compromise," said Lura, "but it will be a little inconvenient for everyone. That will be decided by the administration."

A white Ford Aerostar van, used by Milligan College security, was reported missing on Sunday afternoon. According to the police report, the keys were not missing and there was no sign of glass breakage where the van had been parked. However, it is unclear whether these incidents are related.

College seizes 'spirit of service' in new major

Jacqui Patterson
Production Editor

"Government will support the training and recruiting of mentors, yet it is the men and women of America who will fill the need. One mentor, one person, can change a life forever, and I urge you to be that one person."

This was a part of President Bush's State of the Union Address urging Americans to be a part of a "spirit of service." Milligan is taking a part in this spirit by adding a new major to the 2002-2003 catalog, the Public Leadership & Service (PL&S) degree.

Mark Matson, academic dean, explained the aim of the program.

"It's [PL&S] more interdisciplinary than just a communications major, however the emphasis is on communication," said Matson. "Its aim is giving people a more broad perspective of public leadership."

PL&S has three emphases ranging from 48 to 50 credit hours.

Emphasis one is aimed at equipping the student with local service and leadership experience.

Emphasis two requires one semester of international study which is primarily the focus of the emphasis. Emphasis three

requires one semester at Christian Council of Colleges and Universities' (CCCU) American Studies Program. Its focus is on a larger field of influence, primarily on a national level.

The ties between Biblical principles in relation to the major, specifically through the "poverty experience," were evident to sophomore Melanie Veasey.

The "poverty experience" is a requirement in all three emphases where the student does a certain number of hours of service at a local agency, such as Habitat for Humanity or The Salvation Army.

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Nelson Fine Arts Center to feature Milligan student works

Paige Wassel
Editor-in-Chief

On Mar. 7, the Nelson Fine Arts Center will open a show featuring works by art and photography students at Milligan College.

"It is a big deal in some sense because it's Milligan's first big venture out into the community at large," said junior art major Evan Longfield.

The participants in the show will be mainly art and photography majors and minors picked by Alice Anthony, assistant professor for the practice of art, and Nick Blosser, assistant professor of art.

"I'm going to be focusing on people who have taken enough classes and would fit in well," Blosser said.

Blosser said the Nelson Fine Arts Center gallery has room to display about 50 pieces of art and he estimated that 12 to 15 individuals would be asked

to participate in the show. Anthony and Blosser said they hope to pick these individuals sometime this week.

Last semester, junior photography major Dimitri Jansen was visiting the gallery when a show from East Tennessee State University was on display when he inquired if it would be possible for Milligan to have a show.

After talking to Richard Nelson, who owns and operates the Nelson Fine Arts Center, Jansen was told that the gallery had room for a show in March. Jansen said that he felt the show would provide a great opportunity for others to see the quality of work in the arts at Milligan College.

"It's an awesome opportunity for us to get into the community, which we don't get to do enough," Jansen said.

Jansen said that he felt the show would present a good opening to let other people know about Milligan College.

"It's really neat to see your artwork hanging on the wall, but you have to use that opportunity to talk to people about Christ," Jansen said. "That's why he gives us talent. I think that's the neatest thing about it."

Longfield also said that few students have had the chance to participate in a juried art show, and he thought the exhibit would help bring students one step closer to becoming professionals.

"It's about finally getting it out and getting it exposed and getting it seen by people who don't always interact with art on a regular basis and getting feedback on that," Longfield said.

The show, entitled "Works from the Buffalo Creek School," will be on display for the entire month of March at the Nelson Fine Arts Center at 324 E. Main St. in downtown Johnson City near the Hands-On! museum.

News

Lady Buffs defeat Bluefield and King, men put up a good fight



Junior Michael Morrell plays a tough game against King on Saturday. Morrell had 4 rebounds and 16 points.

-Photo by Jason Harville



Coach Tony Wallingford discusses team strategy during a time-out. The Buffs lost to King on Saturday, 70-68, in a close game.

-Photo by Jason Harville

Tori Watts Reporter

The men's and women's basketball teams played Feb. 6 against Bluefield College and on Feb. 8 against King College.

The Lady Buffs defeated Bluefield College, 57-38. Freshman guard Kari

Stout and junior forward Joy Clark each scored 14 points in the game.

"[The team] plays with a lot of heart," said Stout. "We are a team that works hard on defense to create opportunities on the offensive end."

The women also defeated King College on Saturday night, 82-67, bring-

ing Milligan's season record to 12-12. Freshman Amanda Hammon scored 18 points and junior Amanda Green had 10 rebounds.

"King is a big rival. It was a big game for us just because every win we have, the more our confidence increases and the higher we are ranked in the conference," said senior Kristen Kerkvliet.

The men's basketball team was defeated 74-86 on Thursday night by Bluefield College. Junior Michael Morrell led the Buffs with four rebounds and 16 points.

Freshman JaKeith Hariston scored 15 points and junior Jonathan Harris added 14 points and eight rebounds. The men's record fell to 10-15 overall and 6-10 in the conference.

On Saturday night, the Buffs played a close game against conference rival King College. Milligan trailed King by two points at halftime and the teams kept the score close until the very last second.

With just .1 seconds remaining, King made the final shot, to put them up by two points, giving them a victory of 70-68 over the Buffs.

"The season is far from done," said Harris, who scored 19 points against King. "We have struggled but we still have the conference tournament. We can prove anything in the conference tournament."

Sophomore Craig Emmert scored 15 points and had four rebounds.

Valentine's Day dinner hosted by Associated Ladies of Milligan

Erin Blasinski Managing Editor

The Associated Ladies of Milligan is hosting its first event for students on Feb. 14 with a Valentine's dinner at the newly renovated Taylor/Phillips House.

"This is the first function hosted by ALM for students and we wanted to make it special but also affordable," said Clarinda Jeanes, founder of ALM.

The cost for each ticket is ten dollars and Jeanes said the idea is not to try to raise any money but to just break even in paying for food and decorations.

Because of many upcoming events such as family weekend, the Song of Solomon Conference and the upcoming Winter Formal, Jeanes recognizes that not as many students will be able to attend as she had hoped.

As of Tuesday, only ten students had signed up to participate. The Taylor/Phillips House has seating room for 60 students. Jeanes said she hopes that those who attend will have a good time and spread the word to other students who might not have come because it is something new and unknown.

"In all fairness, I have not had time to publicize it well, but

Danielle Booth [director of student life] has done a good job," said Jeanes.

The evening will consist of a steak dinner with twice-baked potatoes, vegetables, salad and cheesecake. The dinner will be cooked and served by Jeanes, Carolyn Carter, professor of computer science, Vikki Sitter, associate professor of business administration and Beth Fox, wife of Mark Fox, dean of students.

ALM planned a luncheon for April 5 to introduce the community to ALM's purpose. Jeanes scheduled Christian comedian Kay DeKalb Smith to attend to event.

"I just want it to be a fun luncheon with a Christian emphasis," said Jeanes.

The cost of the luncheon is ten dollars. Jeanes encourages any female students, faculty or staff to come and learn about ALM and just have a good time. Anyone interested should talk with Jeanes, Sharon Greatti, or Vicki Warkoczkeski.

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Family Weekend Activities

Friday:

2:00 - Softball game vs. Lees McRae

7:00 - midnight- All open dorms

7:30 - Honors Recital featuring Lauren Webb, Rachel Cunningham, Dawn Loughry, Erik Boggs, Christy Lewis, Michael Douty

Saturday:

10:00 - Dean's List Ceremony

10:30-12:30 - Saturday brunch in the cafeteria

11:00 - Dean's List Ceremony reception

1:00 - Softball game vs. Lee University

1:00 - Baseball game vs. Brevard College

1:00 - Parent Information Session

2:00-4:00 - Art exhibit by former student Tim Bruneau

5:30 - Women's basketball game vs. Union College

7:00 - midnight- All open dorms

7:30 - Men's basketball game vs. Union College. See basketball, the dance team perform and the pep band.

8:00 - Open Mic at SUB 7

Sunday:

2:00 - Baseball game vs. Brevard College

9:00 - Vespers service in Lower Seeger

Student Government News

Abby Conley Reporter

At the Student Government Association meeting on Feb. 4, Tony Jones, president, announced SGA's service project. They will volunteer at a nursing home on Feb. 22, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Junior class president Andrew Hopper announced the success of the faculty auction in raising more than \$2,000 for the Junior/Senior banquet. Additionally, letters for the senior book were sent to parents.

The bill from Milligan's spirit club, "The Herd," was voted and they were later told their funding was approved.

Crystal Van Meter, the new sophomore class representative, is replacing Beth Kneisley, who did not return to Milligan for the spring semester.

Want to decide how to spend next year's activity fee?

Come to the SGA meeting at 9 p.m. next Tuesday in the SGA meeting room across from the bookstore and pick up information on how you can represent your student body.

Opinion

I should have given the hat...



Aaron Akins
Guest Columnist

Late last week my roommate came running into the apartment and began to ransack the kitchen. He informed me (because of my protests) that a godly and compassionate member of our campus community had brought a homeless person to the basketball game being played in the Steve Lacy field house. The man was in need of food and warm clothing, and my roommate, in his generosity and compassion, thought to take the man a bag of clothes and food from our apartment.

He asked me if I had anything warm I could part with, and I went to check my closet. There were two sweaters from Old

Navy hanging there; into the bag they went. I thought of walking outside and remembered my freezing feet earlier that day; in went a couple pairs of socks. Then I remembered a package of jersey gloves I'd bought earlier this year in anticipation of mission trips; in went two pairs of dark gloves.

I thought about a hat: I had a couple, but I wasn't sure I wanted to part with them. My roommate saved me in my indecision by throwing in an extra hat he found in his things.

As my roommate took off with the bag of things, I went back into my room and sat down in my office chair. I had a warm feeling inside. I felt like I had done something worthwhile, and perhaps I had.

It was not until today, in the last lingering moments of Christ and Culture class, that I realized what a fool I really was. Had I sacrificed? Had I truly done what Jesus would have asked of me? You see, I never wear those sweaters; I can't even get either one on. I have 35 pairs of socks. I have 20 pairs of gloves. I had given out of my excess, I had given enough.

Did you wonder, as did I, about what Chris Rice told us? Did you wonder why the church has gone along with America, and voluntarily segregated itself? I can tell you why. We did enough. As soon as the church at large perceived the winds of change, we adopted the non-racist language, the beatific smiles, and the civil

rights slogans. That was enough.

If a black person came into our church, we simply did and said the rote, and that was enough to get by. It allowed us to avoid integration, because no one wants to stay in a church where they are the object of an insincere doctrine. We did enough to maintain appearances and conscience. We have become a church divided, because we did enough.

Is there any wonder that the world at large scoffs at Christianity? One day a week they see us go into those towering edifices we call Churches, and the other six days a week we are just like them. We practice our religion enough to get the fire insurance, and enough to look like upstanding members of our community. It is strange that they know the truth, but we cannot see it.

Enough is an illusion. Deep in our hearts we know it. It may take us a while to realize it, but we know that the enough we practice is not enough to make a difference. It is not enough for Jesus.

If we truly love our Savior, nothing will ever be enough. We will love him to our dying day, doing our utmost each day to show the world that love. Our communities will cast aside their hidden prejudice, and make an end of the Christianity of Enough. We can make a difference in our world. We must believe that. A light, even the smallest one, can dispel the darkness.

If anyone needs it, I still have that hat.

Beyond the Bubble

News, commentary and really interesting people brought to you by The Stampede, Tuesdays, starting Feb. 4 at 7:30 on WUMC 90.5 FM.

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Sophomores Crystal Van Meter and Matt Mueller play the roles of Clara and Matt Mullethair. The sophomores won the Sweetheart confaux.

-Photo by Jason Harville



Freshman Isaac Schade reaches for candy at the Sweetheart confaux. It was estimated that over 150 people showed up at the unrequired convocation.

-Photo by Jason Harville

Lauren Webb discusses sweetheart convocations

Paige Wassel
Editor-In-Chief

Senior Lauren Webb compares the Sweetheart Convocations of the past four years.

Q. How many Sweetheart Convocations have you attended in the past four years?

A. I have attended all four Sweetheart Convocations since I have been enrolled at Milligan.

Q. Can you describe how the programs were set up each year?

A. The past three years each class voted on who they wanted to represent their class, and four couples from each class were chosen to present skits. One couple from each class was declared the winner when the student body voted again after seeing the skits. Bill Greer and Bob Mahan used to emcee the event, and they are the ones who made it truly entertaining. This year, only one couple from each class was allowed to present at the convo. On top of seeing fewer students perform, I couldn't understand T.W. and Chad, and I got beamed in the head with a candy bar.

Q. Which approach to the Sweetheart Convocation did you like the best and why?

A. I enjoyed seeing several couples from each class give their thoughts on this thing we call "Love." By having more students participating, the student body as a whole becomes more involved. It seemed like there were always representatives from all facets of student life, so everyone had someone to "root" for.

Q. What do you think would be the best format for future programs?

A. I believe that the planners of Sweetheart Convocation should make the program open to as many people as possible. By allowing more people to participate, more students will take an interest in it.

Q. Should we continue to have a Sweetheart Convocation?

A. I think that we should continue the tradition of Sweetheart Convo, but we have to be careful that it does not turn into some sort of post-high school popularity contest. I, for one, nominate, but I do not vote for a winner. However, I do not believe this convo should be required of all students (goodness knows we have enough rules already), but I propose that it be offered as a make-up convo. After all, why shouldn't we get a little credit for turning out and supporting our friends?

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters to the editor and guest columns.

Submissions should be sent to Managing Editor Erin Blasinski via campus e-mail.

All submissions are subject to editing.

Features

Alathea to release new record, "What Light is All About"



Carrie Theobald, Mande Radford, and Cristi Johnson make up the Alathea trio whose new album "What Light is All About" is set to release in early March. Radford and Theobald attended Milligan. Johnson is an ETSU graduate.

-Photo by Jimmy Abegg, courtesy of Rocketown Records.

Annie Tipton
Reporter

Three young women from Unicoi, Tenn. are taking the Appalachian melodies of their home to the world of Christian music.

The group is known by a single word: Alathea, (pronounced uh-LAY-thee-uh), which comes from the Greek word for truth.

Cristi Johnson, Mande Radford and Carrie Theobald make up this trio whose upcoming debut album with Rocketown Records is entitled, "What Light is All About." The release date is set for March 4.

The Milligan connection with this group is strong. Two of the three musicians attended Milligan. Radford attended Milligan in the mid-1990s and majored in

biology, but her real interest has always been music. An Elizabethton native, Theobald graduated from Milligan in 1997 with a fine arts degree. The third member, Johnson, graduated from ETSU in 1997 with degrees in English and psychology.

Alathea, often compared to the Dixie Chicks, said some of their musical influences range from Johnny Cash and Dolly Parton to Emmylou Harris, Mary Chapin Carpenter and Patty Griffin. Their music is largely acoustic, and they categorize their sound as "Popalachian."

The group formed five years ago at a

Young Life leadership retreat when the three women began playing music together. Before signing with Rocketown

Records, the group released two independent albums and played various venues, including churches, youth group meetings, coffee shops and festivals.

"We've played as far west as Las Vegas, a lot in the Midwest and as far east as New Hampshire," Theobald said.

The women say they are committed to stay true to their musical and spiritual heritage.

"What Light is All About" is not just a random collection of songs," said the group. "These songs tell the simple story

of our lives, sung out as creatively and honestly as we know how to be. From the images and instrumentation to the recording and photography, we tried to keep everything true to the passion of the songs and their setting in the mountains of East Tennessee."

"I think people are looking for and want music with substance," Radford added. "And we want to give young girls somebody to look up to besides Britney Spears."

Alathea will also play a release date event in Nashville with Christian artist Chris Rice on March 4. The event will be held at Michael W. Smith's pioneering teen club, Rocketown, and will include special guests from more than a dozen radio stations who will be flown in to attend the event.

"I think people are looking for and want music with substance."

-Mande Radford

"Beyond the Bubble" radio show adds Milligan perspective to news

Annie Tipton
Reporter

WUMC 90.5 and *The Stampede* aired the first installment of the Tuesday evening news discussion show "Beyond the Bubble" on Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

This weekly 30-minute show co-hosted by Jim Dahlman, associate professor of communications and advisor of *The Stampede* and Paige Wassel, editor-in-chief, aims to inform the Milligan community of local and national current events and bring a personal angle to many of those stories.

During its first airing, senior Amanda Diefendorf joined the co-hosts to discuss growing up in Korea and her perspective on the unrest there. Retired NASA engineer Ken Suit, Sr., father of Ken Suit, assistant professor of communications, discussed the Challenger and Columbia explosions by telephone with Wassel. Suit also described his experiences as a Christian in the NASA setting.

Vietnam veteran Bert Allen joined the discussion on Feb. 11 to comment on the possibility of war with Iraq.

The concept of "Beyond the Bubble" began during the fall 2002 semester, according to Dahlman. He said he approached WUMC Station Manager Warren McCrickard about the possibility of starting a news-based radio program, and McCrickard was "very open" to the idea.

Dahlman then approached the *Stampede* editors to

see if they were interested, but by the time the idea became reality, there were only a few weeks left in the semester, so he decided to wait until January.

McCrickard sent an e-mail to all Milligan faculty and staff in January, inviting anyone interested to host a program on WUMC. Dahlman responded and "Beyond the Bubble" was given a half-hour time slot each week.

Despite a few first show glitches, the Feb. 4 program became a reality.

"It went really well," said Diefendorf.

"The idea for the show is a good one, and it's important to talk about what's going on in the world. The fact that a Milligan perspective is addressed is even better."

McCrickard shares the same excitement for the show.

"I think ['Beyond the Bubble'] is a great idea," McCrickard said. "I'd love to air it daily, and I hope it's something that continues every semester."

He also said that having Dahlman involved gives the show more credibility than a purely student-led show.

"Truthfully, shows that involve faculty get higher ratings," he said. "Someone like Jim Dahlman who is able to take national and world news and apply it locally is a good thing."

Dahlman said "Beyond the Bubble" is a "painless way to stay current in the news...it's to everyone's benefit if they're better informed of current events. It helps us make better decisions as individuals and as a community."

"The idea for the show is a good one, and it's important to talk about what's going on in the world."

-Amanda Diefendorf

Milligan seizes "spirit..." continued

"I'm excited to get to know someone personally and get their perception of the government," said Veasey.

There aren't many other schools with a program like PL&S. However, at Duke Divinity School, from which Milligan's PL&S program was influenced, it is the third most popular major.

"We basically took two of Duke's programs, their heart leadership program and the information from their Institute of Public Policy and readjusted them for a Christ emphasis," said Matson.

It took Milligan two years to add PL&S. First a program is purposed by an area, in this case social learning, to the academic committee. The academic committee then reviews it. They send the proposal to the entire faculty for a vote and the trustees make final approval.

Matson and Bert Allen, chair and area director of social learning, were the primary advocates for this new major.

"It grew out of an awareness of ours [Allen and Matson's] to prepare students not only for the corporate life, but that a significant segment of them were also interested in public work," said Allen.

Only four students are currently PL&S majors. However, freshmen Jessica Schiwitz and Lindsey Vogt, two of the four PL&S majors, foresee the program growing in the future.

"Once people get word of it I think it will definitely attract more students," said Schiwitz.

Vogt said, "Hopefully it will start attracting more upperclassmen too. I don't know of any other school with the program; in fact this major is the reason I came to Milligan."

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Cause of physical plant collapse unknown

Jennifer Soucie

Copy Editor

Milligan's physical plant collapsed at approximately 4:40 p.m. on Feb. 22; the cause of its collapse is still unknown.

Before beginning his shift, campus security officer Mike Waycaster was eating his dinner in the office when part of the building caved in just inches from his chair. Unharmed, Waycaster immediately exited the building and called Leonard Beattie, director of the physical plant.

"I grabbed what I needed and got out," said Waycaster.

When the building collapsed, Beattie and his wife, Marlene, were outside their home near Buffalo Creek when they heard a loud sound.

Marlene said, "We just went down to the creek to see how high [the water] was and I said, 'What was that?'"

Within moments, Leonard Beattie received the call on his cellular phone from Waycaster reporting the collapse.

The Elizabethton Police Department, the Elizabethton Fire Department and Atmos Energy arrived at the scene within minutes to make safety evaluations. The gas, electricity and water were shut off to prevent further damage.

In the days and hours following, the building continued to shift and crumple.

"About every 10 to 15 minutes, more falls," said Beattie on Saturday afternoon.

Though the cause of the collapse still remains unknown, heavy rains over the weekend are suspect. The ground was already saturated from heavy rain when a large rainstorm swept through the area on Saturday morning.

"I would call this an act of nature," said Beattie.

He said that because of area storm damage, the college is filing a claim along with four to five other area counties with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"We are piggy-backing on that coverage," he said.

A structural engineer from the insurance company will visit the site on Feb. 27 to make an assessment. A meeting between demolition crews, architects, engineers, the insurance company and the college will determine the next steps.

On Monday morning, before telecommunications lines were re-routed, phones were still ringing from the rubble. Beattie said computer workstations, tele-



On Saturday, workers disconnected the gas from the left side of the physical plant for safety purposes. This side of the building had shifted off its foundation and leaned towards the center. -Photo by Jennifer Soucie

phones and fax machines were operational in temporary locations within 7 hours on Monday.

"We haven't missed a beat on campus," said Beattie.

He said the department is fully functional by working out of other campus buildings, and it will be two to three weeks before final decisions regarding the site are settled.

Looking at the building from Alf Taylor Road, bystanders can see the right side still standing.

If they stand between the building and faculty office center, however, they can see the block foundation is cracked and caving towards the center of the building.

Workers continue entering through the main entrance to pull filing cabinets and computers from the offices, which are mostly intact.

Most of the damage occurred on the left side of the building. The attic crawl-space on the left side of the physical plant is now at eye level from the road. Milligan's fiberglass buffalo is visible within this crawl space.

On Monday, the gas regulator valve was removed from the immediate area of the physical plant. If the front left corner of the building had continued its collapse and fallen on this valve, it would have ripped up the gas line that lies parallel to Alf Taylor Road.

Another gas line also runs under the road, according to Beattie.

"The building itself has moved another one to one and a half feet since [Monday] night," said junior Erik Boggs, a work-study student at the physical plant.

According to the fire report, entrance to the building is prohibited until the structural engineer verifies the structure's safety. Certain portions of the building have already been approved for entry by engineers.

The maintenance workers are salvaging equipment they can access from approved areas of the building. Two workers are allowed to enter the main level office area at a time.



The gravel area was the parking lot in front of the physical plant, which makes a steep drop. Standing from the edge, contents of both the attic and basement are visible. -Photo by Jennifer Soucie

Boggs said the two campus lawnmowers were not inside the building because they were removed for repairs on Friday.

According to Boggs, 200 gallons of gasoline stored in the physical plant have been safely removed by staff. However, a 50-gallon air compressor is still inside the collapsed building.

"If nothing else falls on top of it, it won't explode," said Boggs.

Supplies pulled from the rubble are being moved to a temporary storage trailer behind the physical plant.

Five maintenance vehicles were parked under the structure in a garage that opens to the parking lot on the right side of the building. Two fleet vehicles have been salvaged, including a maintenance van and the snowplow. The other three vehicles were crushed as the main floor of the building collapsed.

"The building and its contents are insured. If, in fact, the entire building and its contents are a total loss, I would estimate the entire loss between \$350,000 and \$500,000," said Joe Whitaker, vice president for business and finance. "The contents are insured on a basis that would mirror replacement cost."

Insurance matters will not be resolved until a company representative visits the site and the exact cause of the collapse is

determined, said Whitaker.

Beattie said that no tests of structural integrity have been completed on the building during his 17 years at Milligan College.

"You normally don't do structural integrity tests with this type of building," he said.

The physical plant is a steel shell building with a large concrete floor supported by cinder block walls on a slab foundation.

The area around the physical plant is marked off with police tape. Since the collapse, 24-hour security has been at the site.

"The students have been pretty good about not trying to get in," said Joe Brown, who has worked security for Milligan for three years though contractor Murray Security.

"We hope nobody gets hurt," said David Shouse, a fire engineer driver for the Elizabethton Fire Department.

Secretary Sandy Deyton has a temporary office in the McCown Business Cottage. Housekeeping is fully operational from the basement of Williams Hall. Plans for a new maintenance building have not yet been drafted.

"It's going to be a blessing," said Bruce Cakebread, a physical plant employee.



Three vehicles in the garage were crushed when the main floor of the building collapsed. Filing cabinets from Sandy Deyton's office above are visible above the vehicles.

-Photo by Jennifer Soucie

News

From the Wire

Turkey to provide military bases: On Tuesday, Turkey's government asked its Parliament to let approximately 62,000 American troops into the country in light of the impending war with Iraq. Although the Turkish Parliament hasn't voted on this measure yet, it would allow over 300 planes and helicopters to be based in the country. Presently, there are around 50 American aircraft based in the Turkey that patrol a no-flight zone over northern Iraq. According to a New York Times story, "...the United States Army's top general said the military force for postwar Iraq could total several hundred thousand American soldiers to provide security and relief aid."

Currently, around 180,000 Americans serve in "air, land, and naval forces in the Persian Gulf," and some commanders are predicting an invasion into Iraq around mid-March. The Bush administration has not definitely determined the number of troops to occupy Iraq. In regard to ongoing weapons inspections against Iraq, chief United Nations weapons inspector Hans Blix said Iraqi officials had given six letters to inspectors on Tuesday with new information on the state of Iraq's arms programs. Included in this information was mention of two R-400 aerial bombs that could be filled with either chemical or biological agents, and information about materials that were disposed in 1991.

Sound manager warned club of potential fire hazards: In West Warwick, R.I., 97 people died in a fire last Thursday due to fireworks, or a "pyrotechnic display," that was set off by the Great White band inside the Station club, even though the club did not have a permit to set off the fireworks. Sound manager Paul Vanner said he warned owner Michael Derderian and his brother Jerry three months ago that the fireworks had been set off by different bands performing at the club and posed a fire hazard. The club spread after fireworks ignited the gray soundproof material surrounding the stage, which Vanner claims fire officials should have noticed when it was inspected after installation 18 months prior to the incident. According to a law enforcement official, the soundproofing material is being tested in the investigation and will probably help determine whether criminal charges should be filed.

California takes action to remove electronic votes: On Tuesday, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in San Jose, Calif. voted to invest \$20 million in 5,000 voting machines that would provide voters with paper receipts. This motion makes Santa Clara the first county in America to begin to utilize a "voter-verified paper backup system." It also reflects concerns about electronic voting machines like those in Florida that led to the 2000 Presidential election fiasco. According to a New York Times article, "The intent is to provide more protection against hackers, or political operatives, who might tamper with the results." Congress has put aside \$3.9 billion for states to revamp their voting systems.

Compiled by Paige Wassel with information from the New York Times.

Baseball season takes off with 3 wins in 4 games



Sophomore Nathan Meade slides into first and later advances to score the first run of the game.

-Photo by Jason Harville

Erin Blasinski
Managing Editor

The Milligan baseball team split a double-header with Lenoir-Rhyne College on Feb. 20.

In the first game, the Buffs defeated Lenoir-Rhyne 5-2 with all five runs scored in the fifth inning. Junior Brad Hitch led the Buffs in the fifth inning run with his first home run of the season. Junior Todd Spears pitched the first five innings, allowing only five hits and two runs to pick up

his first win of the season.

Lenoir-Rhyne came back in the second game to defeat Milligan 8-4. Junior Scott Shealy led the Buffs with two runs and batted one for three and sophomore Dustin Price was two for three with an RBI single.

At the double-header against Virginia Intermont on Feb. 24, Milligan won 3-2 in the first game and 9-3 in the second.

Senior Dustin Barrett pitched into the seventh inning and struck out four batters and allowed only two runs. Senior Matt

Simmons finished out the ten inning game and allowed only three hits.

Price hit the game-winning RBI that score Shealy in the tenth inning. Price finished the game three for five. Freshmen David Rusaw and senior Ben Wittemore each had two runs for the Buffs.

In the second game, Wittemore had two hits and four RBIs, and senior Jesse Dannemiller went three for three with one run and one RBI.

The Buffs improved their season record to 5-1 and 2-0 in the conference.

Lady Buffs softball loses to Tusculum

Annie Tipton
Reporter

The Lady Buffs softball team was defeated 9-1 and 8-5 by Tusculum College in a double header on Feb. 19.

In the first game, seniors Andrea Henriott and Carissa Ellis each went two for three at bat to create four of the seven team hits.

Sophomore pitcher Brandy Waddle had four strikeouts and one walk but gave up 13 hits and nine runs, six of which were earned. The team committed three errors.

In the second game, the team combined for four hits. Senior Ashley Fine went one for three with one RBI and sophomore Brooke Davis went one for two with three RBI. The team committed only one error.

So far this season, eight of the team's games have been postponed because of rain.

"We still haven't been on our own field [because of the rain]," coach Wes Holly said. "It's been tough."

The team's next home game is slated for Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. against Brevard. This begins a stretch of 10 conference games that will be played before spring break.

Basketball teams end regular season in victory

Tori Watts
Reporter

The men's and women's basketball teams played at home Feb. 20 against Alice Lloyd College and on Feb. 22 against Brevard College.

The women's team defeated Alice Lloyd, 78-65. Junior Joy Clark led the team with 17 points and 3 rebounds. Senior Amanda Hammons added 9 points and 10 rebounds, and freshman Kari Stout contributed 12 points and 3 rebounds.

On Feb. 22, the Lady Buffs played an intense game resulting in an overtime victory of 68-63 over Brevard. Stout scored 16 points with 8 rebounds. The team ended their regular season with a record of 18-12. They are ranked number four in the tournament that will begin play Feb. 26.

The game Saturday marked the last season game for seniors Kristen Kerkvliet, Patty Robb, Amanda Hammons and Vera Conkin.

"It was a big win for us Saturday," said Robb. "You could tell the team wanted it for us [seniors] and that meant a lot. Basketball has been the greatest single thing I could pinpoint about my whole Milligan experience just because of the

relationships it has given me."

The men's basketball team also closed out their regular season with two consecutive wins against Alice Lloyd

"We're probably playing our best ball right now going into the tournament this week."

-Marc Curry

College and Brevard College. The team, led by freshman Marc Curry with 20 points and 5 rebounds, defeated Alice Lloyd on Feb. 20 with a final score of 80-62.

"We're probably playing our best ball right now going into the tournament this week," said Curry.

The men ended their season in victory by defeating Brevard 84-68 on Feb. 22. Junior Jonathon Harris scored 19 points and had 7 rebounds.

"I was happy for the guys; it was a good effort. They are playing so much bet-

ter now, said head coach Tony Wallingford regarding the Feb. 22 game. "I was happy that they pulled it out to win. It will give us a lot of confidence going into the tournament."

Sophomore Craig Emmert said, "The last two games as a team we have really gelled. We're playing with our offensive and defensive principles we practice each day, which is why we are winning."

Emmert scored 8 points and had 10 rebounds on Feb. 20 against Alice Lloyd and 12 points and 11 rebounds on Feb. 22 against Brevard.

The men ended their regular season with a record of 14-17 and enter the tournament as the fifth seed team. They begin their tournament on Feb. 26 against Covenant College.

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Opinion

Career development sponsors workshops



Jennifer Soucie
Copy Editor

The career development office is offering a resume writing workshop on Feb. 28 at 5:05 p.m. in the occupational therapy lab. The event will help students interpret their work experiences into transferable skills. Interested students can sign up for this workshop throughout the day by contacting the career development office.

The workshop is one result from the \$1.9 million Lilly grant that Milligan was awarded in December 2002. The college's search for a full-time career director continues.

Until the position is filled, senior Linda Baker, a non-traditional student,

serves as an intern for career development.

"We have had career development in the past, but it has not been as developed as it needed to be," Baker said.

Baker is building relationships with companies and making business contacts to make Milligan's presence more known throughout the region.

More companies will begin contacting the college seeking students to fill internships and permanent positions because of the heightened awareness of the abilities of Milligan students.

Baker and John Paul Abner, assistant professor of occupational therapy and psychology, director of career development and director of academic advising, are hosting workshops and building resources to help prepare students for the next step after graduation.

According to the New York Times, the economy is now in its worst hiring slump in nearly 20 years. The career development office is trying to provide Milligan students with a competitive edge to find their first jobs after graduation.

As the first in a series of career development sessions, the resume writing workshop for Feb. 28 will not only help students identify transferable skills from previous experiences, but will stress the importance of the objective statement as a selling point on the resume. Baker and Abner will discuss the format of a resume and how the format has changed over the past few years.

The interview workshop on March 20

will teach students how to succeed in a behavioral interview. As opposed to a traditional interview, these interviews focus on what the applicant learned from previous experiences that can be applied to new work experiences. Companies typically ask the applicant for examples of group projects and failed assignments to help assess how an employee will handle similar situations in the future.

A follow-up workshop on March 27 will place students who attended the March 20 interview workshop in mock job interviews with real employers. The objective is to place students in a position that imitates a real interview. Students will gain practice being interviewed while evaluating the prospective employer.

Many businesses will perform mock interviews at this workshop, including First Tennessee bank. These interviews will be held on Milligan's campus.

The Interstate Career Fair, sponsored by Virginia Intermont College, will be held in Bristol on April 18. Students can meet representatives from local and nationwide government offices and businesses to explore career options. More than 100 businesses seeking students of all majors will be in attendance.

While the career development office is gaining a more significant presence on campus, Baker stressed the current availability of resources to students and alumni. Visit http://www.milligan.edu/studentlife/stud_services.htm for nationwide job banks, career advising and networking.

Letters to the Editor

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The female version of The Odd Couple runs through March 1 in Sub 7. Tickets are on sale in the Milligan bookstore for \$5. Dave Guyer, Chstan McKay and Josiah Potter cry over the pending divorces from their spouses.

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During this scene in The Odd Couple, these girls are playing a game of Trivial Pursuit.

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Dinah DeFord and Lesley Jenkins discuss upcoming art show

Paige Wassel
Editor-in-Chief

Dinah DeFord, Lesley Jenkins and Beth Pearson will open their show, "Deceptive Moments" on Mar 2 at 2:00 p.m. with a reception until 4:00 p.m. The show will be on display in the Milligan Art Gallery from Mar 2 to Mar 9. Dinah DeFord and Lesley Jenkins discuss their preparations for the art show.

Q. What medium(s) of art will be in your show?

A. JENKINS: Me and Dinah are mainly doing photography and Beth has art and sculpture as well.

Q. What did you have to do to get a show?

A. DEFORD: They either have to be an art minor or photography minor, or an art major or photography major. Minors have a group show, and majors have a solo show.

Q. How did you prepare for the show?

A. JENKINS: Hours and hours in the darkroom, reprinting basically everything unless it was perfect the first time. Designing invitations, designing flyers, ordering mats, getting food-- there's just all kinds of stuff.

A. DEFORD: You review and edit all the work that you've done since basic [photography]. As a minor, you have to have several planning meetings with the group you're doing the show with because you have to work as a team.

Q. What is most frustrating about preparing for a show?

A. DEFORD: Reprinting your work because it never comes out the same, and when you reprint your work you might use different paper that responds differently when exposed.

A. JENKINS: Reprinting everything-- that's always the hardest part. I had the same problems as Dinah did. Over the past four years you think that you've done everything right and it'll look good, but after four years of experience you look at those pictures and say, "What was I thinking?"

Q. What are the benefits that come from doing a show?

A. DEFORD: Just the experience in putting it all together and doing a show. It's seeing that the show is more than just the prints.

A. JENKINS: One of the things that I like about it is that a lot of my family and friends have never been able to see all my work at one time, so they can see it at the show. I also think it's good if I get a career in photography to be able to say that I've had a show before.

Features

U.S. Air Force administrator hired as education director

Mary H. Stephens

Reporter

Beverly Schmalzried will join the Milligan College faculty this summer as professor and chair in the education department.

Schmalzried is currently the Chief of Family Member Programs and oversees 85 child and youth programs on U.S. Air Force installations in the United States and worldwide.

"I've always just really loved teaching and I've enjoyed college teaching the most," Schmalzried said in a telephone interview.

She said she enjoyed meeting Milligan's students and faculty and likes the college's focus on students. She holds a doctorate in childhood development from Florida State University.

Before her position with the U.S. Air Force, Schmalzried taught and supervised in early childhood education at Kansas State University and the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

She also taught junior high school and was a child development specialist at Head Start, a program dedicated to meeting the educational, dietary and health needs of impoverished children.

"I believe with all my heart that we will work most effectively in our teacher ed department," said Billye Joyce Fine, director and assistant professor of education.

Bertram Allen, professor of psychology and chair for the area of social learning, has served as the interim chair of education for nearly a year and a half and was on the search committee that made recommendations for the position to Mark Matson, academic dean and professor of Bible.

"We're just going to make what we already have, which is good, very good," said Allen.

Matson said Schmalzried has an amazing ability to understand the strengths and weaknesses of the education program and will provide a "central vision" for financial and curricular issues of the education area.

"We ended up selecting a short list of three, and interviewed two of those, and ended up canceling the third interview because we were so excited about Beverly," said Matson.

In a telephone interview, Schmalzried said she would like to build a strong partnership with area elementary and secondary schools. She also wants to involve the Head Start program with Milligan. She said Christian teachers could help fulfill the need for good examples in public schools.

In an e-mail sent to Matson on Oct. 4, Schmalzried responded to the college's mission statement.

"I believe that I would be a good example for young people of how scholarship and dedication to others can lead to a satisfying personal and professional life," she wrote.

She earned the 2001-2003 National Partner in 4-H Award and the General Michael P. Kams Award for Outstanding Performance in Air Force Services.

Schmalzried was raised in the Christian Church, which she describes as the center of her social life. She met her husband, Donald, a school principal in Fairfax County, Va., at a church camp.

At U.S. Air Force installations she has been involved with both Protestant and Catholic churches.

Beacon leaves Cranks Creek for new ministry in North Carolina



Senior David "Fudge" Gibbons (left) and sophomore Ariel Akins help roof a house in Harlan County, Ky. The missions organization has recently selected a new work site in North Carolina.

-Photo by Jason Harville

Alison Waters

Reporter

The Beacon committee has located a new work site an hour and a half hour from Milligan in Spruce Pine, N.C.

According to junior Darrell Asche, chairperson of the Beacon committee, the committee collected information on possible work sites, and narrowed the places down to just two using the criteria set by the committee. The criteria included the type of work that would be done, distance from school, what their mission was and how well their purpose fit with the purpose of Beacon.

The committee voted unanimously in favor of Pinebridge.

"The other place that we narrowed everything down to was a place in Harlan County, Ky., and we felt like we wanted to make a clean break with that

area so we decided against it," said Asche.

The first trip to the new destination will be on March 28 to 30. Asche says that the trip will be limited to 60 people, including the committee members, with signups continuing in the cafeteria through March 4. The committee has not decided if this will be a permanent destination for Beacon trips.

"There is less stress on the committee going to Pinebridge because we don't have to do as much of the organizing like we did with Cranks," Asche said.

The workers will participate in such projects as painting, renovation of a schoolhouse and working on flooring.

"This place is very different from Cranks because it is almost luxurious compared to Cranks," said Asche. "We definitely will not be roughing it at Pinebridge, but we will try and keep the experience of a work camp-type

experience as similar as possible."

Another upcoming changes among the Beacon committee is the graduation of six members, including David "Fudge" Gibbons, Jason Reed, Jennifer Soucie, Aaron Akins, Matthew Joseph and Jennifer Openshaw.

Openshaw, who has been participating in these trips since her freshman year, said she has learned a valuable lesson.

"Wherever I am, there are opportunities to serve Christ," she said.

She said she is going to miss these trips, but is excited at the opportunities the group has ahead of them.

"I loved Cranks Creek but I also know that there are other counties that need our help too," she said. "I hope the group right now will continue to meet other people...and be able to act as the ambassadors of Christ to them."

Milligan resurrects advanced track for M.Ed.

Abby Conley

Reporter

Milligan recently announced a redesigned advanced Masters of Education program for current teachers who are seeking further professional development, such as national board approval or additional endorsement areas.

This is one of two M.Ed. programs offered at Milligan; the other program is designed for students who already have a baccalaureate degree but want a M.Ed. for teaching licensure.

The program for current teachers can be completed in as little as 15 months. Previously, the 36-hour program took two years to complete as long as the student took classes in the fall, spring and summer semesters. However, this program was "suspended due to a current absence of demand," according to the college catalog.

"More than the lack of demand, it was cumbersome for people working full-time," said Lyn Howell, assistant professor of education and coordinator of

the program's redesign.

This program required a student to take six hours per semester in a set order, according to Howell. The changes made to the program were in the format, not the curriculum. The redesigned program consists of 24 core classes and 12 elective hours. The core classes were separated into eight 3-hour courses, said Howell.

"[This way] students can decide at what point they're going to take pieces of the core."

-Lyn Howell

teacher become certified by the national board, according to Howell. She estimated that the program has been in existence for less than ten years.

Teachers seeking board certification must have three years of teaching experience, submit a portfolio and take a test to become a "master teacher."

When a teacher is certified, he or she is certified in all 50 states for the next 10 years, according to Howell.

"They [the National Board] are trying to set a national standard for teachers," said Howell.

According to Howell, the program will be available this summer.

"We have several who have expressed interest in the program," said Howell.

However, information has not yet been distributed to the schools.

"We're still pulling everything together," said Carrie Davidson, director of graduate admissions.

The program staff is updating application packets and developing flyers and informational brochures, according to Davidson.

The information will be distributed through a joint effort with both Davidson and the professors. Professors regularly visit schools where Milligan students are student teaching and can distribute information at those schools.

Davidson will be distributing information at schools where there are not currently Milligan students. She also hopes to work with principals at local schools to have information distributed at faculty meetings, set up an information booth or distribute information in the faculty mailboxes.

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From Milligan to Malibu



Heard teaches a class outside on Milligan's campus.

-Photo courtesy of Milligan College Web site

Alison Waters Reporter

Chris Heard, assistant professor of Bible at Milligan, has accepted a position as assistant professor of religion at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. beginning this fall.

Academic dean Mark Matson informed the faculty and staff of this in an e-mail yesterday, stating, "Chris has been a wonderful part of our faculty, assisting in a number of efforts, especially the SACS report and work on use of computer media in teaching. I will miss his presence, as I am sure you will also."

Heard said he found out that Pepperdine was hiring and sent in his curriculum vitae.

He traveled to the university in February for an interview and was offi-

cially offered a position the first week of March. Heard said that he had told both Jeanes and Matson about his interview and would give them a decision by March 17.

"Pepperdine is historically associated with the a Cappella Church of Christ, my church tradition, so in a way I'm moving closer to my church roots," said Heard.

Heard said his new position will give him a slightly lighter load, teaching Old Testament each semester in addition to one elective similar to the electives he has taught at Milligan, such as War and Peace in the Old Testament. He will be teaching one less course, which will allow him more time to read, write and publish.

"There the faculty is larger and the subjects can be spread out, and I can focus and teach things that I really know best,"

said Heard. "But I will miss teaching in my present school."

Heard is also leaving a vacancy in having the opportunity to work with graduate students and possibly become a member of their committees as well.

Of course I will miss Matson, but that sort of related to my church tradition. Last five years, said Heard, I have my first teaching experience in a supportive environment. Yeah, I think I will miss it, but it is a good move for me.

Matson said he talked with Jones regarding a replacement.

"At this point, no decision has been made. We probably will postpone a search until the fall, the summer term. In searches for faculty," he said, "I found a strong candidate to replace Chris, but things are still unsettled."

SGA election results unsurprising

Abby Conley Reporter

"Barring a massive write-in, the people on stage will be the executive council," said current Student Government Association president Tony Jones.

Jones' words rang true at the inauguration party on March 18 as Jason Harville, vice president, announced the unopposed victory of the executive council.

Rising senior Andrew Hopper won the office of president, declining junior Rachel Cunningham won the office of vice president and rising senior Kaitie Anderson won the treasurer's position. Rising junior Jacie Patterson will return for a second year as SGA secretary.

The four discussed within their speeches plans for next year including creating a public relations position, a campus-wide forum as well as a new website.

Class representatives and presidents for the junior and senior classes also ran unopposed.

Russ Cassens will move from his parliamentary position to senior class president.

"I would like to learn more from it than I put into it," said Cassens, "and I know that will happen."

Cassens also said he wants to learn from his predecessor, David Harris.

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Milligan wins first national championship



Freshman Marta Zimon runs the 5,000-meter race in the NAIA Indoor Track and Field championship. Zimon brought home Milligan's first national championship.

-Photo courtesy of Milligan College Web site

Mary H. Stephens Reporter

A hundredth of a second was time enough for freshman Marta Zimon to bring home Milligan's first national championship. March 8, she held her ground in the NAIA Indoor Track and Field championship at East Tennessee State University defeating Cedarville's Erin Nehus in the women's 5,000-meters.

It took approximately five minutes for officials to discern the winner from the photo finish. Zimon did not believe she had won until hearing the official declaration.

"I couldn't believe that I was first," she said.

At qualifiers, Zimon's first place win in the 5,000-meters had already given rise to the expectation of her championship.

"It was like pressure. I mean all of those people told me that [I'd win]. But you shouldn't think like that because you never know what will happen in your race."

She agreed with Chris Layne, head coach of cross-country and track, that her strategy should be conserving energy.

"Even I think she was prepared to run the NAIA record time on any given day in the right race, but we decided we would approach it more from a tactical perspective and run a race that would be conducive for her winning," said Layne.

True to plan, Zimon stayed with the first breakaway group for six or seven laps, and then made a move with two girls

following. On the final lap, Nehus charged to the finish. Elbowing and bumping, she battled Nehus for the final 300 meters.

Layne said Nehus' aggression near the finish line likely shouldered Zimon into the win over the other 17 runners.

"Oh, I was so happy," Zimon said.

To join Zimon in All-American status was freshman Megan Lease, from Camden, N.C., who won sixth place in the 5,000 meters. Layne said it was apparent Lease could run at a higher level at the Virginia Tech Challenge in February, where her time in the 3,000 meter showed she could compete nationally, and that her progress is the result of dedication. Lease described her dedication as more fun than hard work.

After winning, Zimon called her family in Poland.

"They [were] waiting for this, and they are really proud of me," she said.

Zimon might not have ever entered the world of running had it not been for a friend's protective mother. Due to bad weather, the mother kept her friend from competing in a race, who then asked Zimon to run. At about age 16 she won the first race she had ever entered, and was advised to begin training.

On the men's side of the championships, senior Ryan Starr qualified to race in the 3,000 meters and senior Terence Gadsden in the 400 meters.



Sophomore Josiah Potter auditioned for senior Warren McCracken's original screenplay, "Next Stall, Please." Approximately 30 students auditioned March 17 for three stage plays and two screenplays. The 17th Annual One Acts Festival will begin with performances of the stage plays on both April 29 and 30 at 6:30 p.m. on the Sub T stage. Films will be shown May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in Wilson Auditorium.

-Photo by Jason Harville

From the Wire

Hussein rejects Bush's ultimatum: On Tuesday, Iraq President Saddam Hussein publicly rejected Bush's ultimatum, which would give Saddam and his sons until Wednesday to leave Iraq before facing war. Hussein, 65, said that the "American, English and Zionist invading aggressors" would face defeat and "a holy war" if they tried to invade at this time. Meanwhile, the capital city of Baghdad has emptied in anticipation of an imminent conflict with only certain government buildings carrying on an appearance of business. According to a New York Times story, the Iraqi people seem resigned to a war sooner rather than later, and they may be looking for a war that would end in their liberation. "One retired chemical engineer working as a taxi driver told a fare that he had listened to Mr. Bush. 'People are waiting for America,' he said, taking both hands off the wheel to simulate applause."

United States returns to high terror alert: As the country returns to a high level of alert, local, state and federal officials have increased security at "sensitive sites." Tom Ridge, secretary of homeland security, discussed taking safety measures in such areas as ports, air travel and food supplies. Many states are seeking an appropriate balance between enacting security measures and dealing with budget concerns. Clifford Ong, director of Indiana's Counter-Terrorism and Security Council said, "If we know of a threat we will meet it and deal with the check-book later. But absent a threat, we have to make real decisions on what we can do with National Guard and state police overtime." After President Bush's speech, a confidential F.B.I. memorandum was issued on Monday that discussed the strong opposition to a war against Iraq and said, "Al Qaeda may be in the last stages of planning for large-scale attacks." One government official speculated that, while home and security is a concern, such terrorists might be more likely to strike against U.S. interests abroad, since this action would "be easier to pull off."

Virus may be the cause of mysterious illness: The World Health Organization, a unit of the United Nations, said on Tuesday that they have discovered a virus that may be the cause of a mysterious respiratory illness affecting hundreds in Asia and some other countries. "Using electron microscopes, two laboratories in Germany and a third in Hong Kong reported finding particles that seem to belong to a large family of viruses, paramyxoviridae, that includes the viruses that cause grippe, respiratory disease, measles, mumps and other ailments." But it seems that federal officials are not all willing to identify this virus as the cause of what doctors are identifying as severe acute respiratory syndrome. Since Feb. 1, the W.H.O. has reported 219 cases with four deaths from nine countries, and Chinese officials have reported an additional 305 cases with five deaths from November to Feb. 1. However, 13 of the 57 cases in Vietnam have improved enough to be removed from the critical list. Compiled by Paige Wassel with information from the New York Times

Tennis teams lose matches against Virginia Intermont

Tori Watts
Reporter

The men's and women's tennis teams played against Virginia Intermont on March 6.

The women's team lost 0-9. This match was the only match of the women's season to be played on campus. All other home matches will be played at the Liberty Bell courts at Science Hill High School in Johnson City.

"I'm definitely going to miss having people around for the matches," said junior Sara Wallingford.

Coach Marvin Glover said, "We played nowhere near our potential. I thought we played nervously for the most

part and when our confidence level improves I expect us to compete much better."

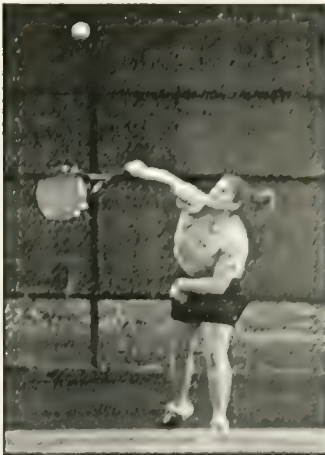
The women's current season record is 0-3.

The men also lost 0-9 against Virginia Intermont, which brought their season record to 0-2.

"VI is an incredibly strong team. All in all, I wasn't disappointed with how we played," said Coach Rich Aubrey. "Sometimes the best players bring out some of your best tennis."

Sophomore Patrick Mitchell agreed, "It's good experience to be able to hit against somebody who is so consistent."

The teams play again at Tennessee Wesleyan on March 21.



Junior Sara Wallingford serves her opponent during her doubles match against Virginia Intermont

Photo by Jason Harvill

Lady Buffs defeat Lees-McRae at home

Erin Blasinski
Managing Editor

The Lady Buffs softball team defeated Lees-McRae College 9-1 and 8-2 in Sunday's double-header.

In the first game, freshman pitcher Brandy Waddle picked up the win for the Buffs allowing only three hits and one run to score in the six innings. She struck out

four and walked one batter.

"Our defense was good," said Waddle. "They got a few hits but my defense was there to back me up."

Junior Shelby Banion led the Buffs hitting four for four, scoring two runs and one RBI. Senior Carissa Ellis had two hits and scored two runs, including her first home run.

In the second game, senior Andrea

Henriott batted two for three. Waddle added one more win to her pitching record. She pitched the first two innings and the last three while senior Ashley Fine pitched the middle two.

"We had crucial hits when we needed them," said Waddle. "All in all it was a good day."

The Lady Buffs improve their record to 11-5 overall and 8-0 in the conference

Humanities tour examines travel possibilities

Paige Wassel
Editor-in-Chief

As the United States faces the uncertainty of a possible war with Iraq, the fate of Milligan's annual Humanities tour is also uncertain.

On the radio show "Beyond the Bubble" on March 18, Ted Thomas, associate professor of humanities, history and German and Milligan's tour director, said that he would be talking to EF Educational Tours, the company that arranges the tour, on March 20 and he would have some answers the next day.

"That EF will be able to give me a definite date for our departure is certain," Thomas said. "I cannot guarantee that EF will have made a decision about canceling the tour."

If students cancel their tour reservation before March 30, each will face a \$400 cancellation fee.

After March 30, Thomas said that the cancellation fee would be 50 per cent of the amount invested in the tour thus far,

which is around \$1,200.

Thomas said EF has discussed what circumstance might lead to a cancellation of the tour.

"The written language says that Congress must declare war in order for us to get a full refund," Thomas said. "In phone conversations, our EF representative has assured me that EF will cancel the tour if hostilities break out."

If the tour is cancelled, students should be refunded all of their money except for the \$95 registration fee and any money they have already spent on insurance, Thomas said.

Students may also leave their money in their EF account as a credit as late as September 2004, enabling them to use that money on next year's humanities tour or another EF tour not associated with Milligan. However, Thomas pointed out that students would not receive Milligan academic credit for other tours.

One concern of tour students is finding time to make up the humanities tour credits if the tour is cancelled.

"Should it be cancelled, we will consider some summer class," Academic Dean Mark Matson said. "But we will have to be sure we can find a professor willing to teach it."

Thomas said that he doesn't know what will happen to the tour if war does break out with Iraq but ends by May.

Sophomore Lisa Saca, who is signed up for the tour, said, "I'm pretty much convinced we're not going."

Saca said that she would be unable to go in the summer of 2004, and hopes that Milligan will be able to offer an extra humanities course during the summer.

If war breaks out and ends before May, Saca expressed concern about still taking the tour.

"I'm not sure I'd want to go a month after [the war ended]," Saca said.

Thomas said, "I'm still praying for peace, and I don't want to betray my own convictions about the power of prayer by making plans as if my prayers weren't going to be answered."

SGA election results continued from page 1

Joining Cassens as senior representatives are Josh Callaway, John Anliker, Jessica Carter and Michelle Moore.

Rachel Bloch won the office of junior class president.

Bloch said the main focus of the junior class is to plan the Junior-Senior Banquet but she wishes to serve her class in other ways also.

"I want to help brainstorm with the student body," said Bloch. "I'll do what they want. I really just want to be creative in supporting the junior class."

Matthew Mueller, Mitch Scott,

Crystal Van Meter, and Cheri Lomison were elected as junior class representatives.

Richard Kenny won victory over four opponents for sophomore class president.

His vision as class president is to see both the class and the campus unify and grow as Christians.

"I feel like on this campus we've been mediocre in our Christian walk," said Kenny.

Adam Bisesi, Tim Cassens, Shannon Patterson, and Lindsey Vogt were voted as the sophomore representatives.

Online Update

The *Stampede Online* Web site has been reformatted so that no password is needed for access. However, users will not find a link to the *Stampede Online* within the Milligan Web site. Rather, type the Internet address www.milligan.edu/stampede or type the words "Milligan Stampede" in any Web search engine.

Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Sincerely,
Paige Wassel, Editor-in-Chief

Editorial

Cable costs outweigh profit to community

Alison Waters
Reporter

As most people already know, this coming fall all students will have cable TV access in their dorm rooms, and it has caused a bit of a stir in our community.

I realize that from a financial standpoint, the idea of having cable can be appealing to the college. It will bring revenue in and might possibly make the college even more appealing to prospective students. However, do we want to recruit students whose deciding factor in attending Milligan is whether or not they have cable in their rooms?

Every summer, new students receive a copy of the Summer Sizzler, which recommends leaving video games at home because they are addictive and result in hours of wasted time. This same list of survival hints reassures students that each dorm lobby has a television with cable, hoping that "if you are forced to journey to the lobby to watch the television, it may cut down on your viewing and increase your time studying."

I hear people complain about living in a bubble, or not having enough access to what is happening in the world. I beg to differ. Every dorm room on this campus has an Internet "port per pillow" and anyone can choose to be as connected or disconnected as they wish, accessing any number of news sites at anytime.

I can say that being at Milligan for four years without cable has not hurt me in any way. I don't have a television in my room this year, not only because we just

don't own one or the time to watch it, but also because I end up spending more time talking to the people around me. Somehow I don't think that sitting next to someone and staring at the TV can be considered quality time, nor do I think it promotes the sense of community that I thought Milligan has been trying to embody.

I am not saying that it's not fun to watch TV with friends, but think of what would happen if everyone had cable in their rooms. I am not anti-cable, but I do feel it's a small price to pay for building relationships. Think about it. How many people would still meet in the lobbies or in the Grill to watch Joe Millionaire or ER or whatever show is popular?

As it stands right now, students who have earned a room in one of the upper-classmen dorms or in MSA have the privilege of having the option of cable for themselves. By making cable a mandatory expense, something included in tuition, it's a sign of the college's seal of approval, recommending this as something both necessary and beneficial for students to have, as they have done with such things as technology, health and student fees.

People could argue that there are many things that could be just as tempting when it comes down to taking away from study time, such as warm, sunny spring days. But when it's possible to control it in some way, why don't we? We can unplug it or never use it, but why put the temptation right in front of us and then say it's optional?

The apostle Paul gives us an example

in 1 Corinthians, where he urges Christians to exercise great care with their liberty. In 1 Cor. 6:12 he says that all things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. Later, in chapter 8 he advises us to "take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak...thus, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ."

Sure, we are adults, and we are able to make our own decisions. Why should the college be able to tell us we can't have cable? As part of this community, we need to consider what will be better for us as a whole. Perhaps you are reading this and you know that you would not struggle with cable in your room. Most likely, however, you know someone this could be a problem for. As Christians, we are not to think of ourselves, but about the concerns of others. Maybe by deciding that cable may not be the best thing for our community might be even more of an adult decision.

After graduation it's very unlikely that I will look back fondly on the times I hung out in my room and channel-surfed. Instead I will remember Sept. 11, and the times I ate ice cream and talked with the girls in my suite until 2:30 a.m., and this past Monday night, when I joined 24 people, both students and faculty, who gathered in the Grill to watch the President address the world on CNN.

That is the kind of community that I feel Milligan is in pursuit of - the kind that promotes interaction and discussion. If we are truly about changing lives and shaping



Waters smashes the screen of a television.

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culture, why allow something proven to be so powerful to compete with that? It makes me wonder, with this new addition to our community, who exactly will be doing the shaping.

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Bridging generation gap with Habitat

Annie Tipton

Reporter

Somehow, 6:45 a.m. didn't seem so early the week of spring break.

Maybe it was the chill of the Camp Viola cabin where we slept or the anticipation of the day's activities that helped us rise at this early hour, but for me it was the chance to swing my \$4.44 Wal-Mart hammer for Jesus.

Twelve of my peers and I drove six hours to LaGrange, Ga. in a Milligan van that pulled a small trailer with our luggage, bedding and tools. There we met up with a group of 30 people from a Habitat for Humanity chapter from Tuscola, Ill.

It was then that our week of blessings began.

Our task that week was a simple one: build a house on the concrete slab that had already been poured. As a group of college students, we may not have been very knowledgeable when it came to construction, but we were willing to work, and work we did.

Working side by side with a group of perfect strangers (we barely had time to exchange names with the other people before we started work at 8 a.m. on Monday) and dealing with a generation gap of about 40 years (many of the men and women we worked with were in their 50's or 60's) were just two of the obstacles that stood in the way of a good work

week. There is not a doubt in my mind that the Habitat chapter from Illinois was a little wary of us at first.

I was concerned too. When I thought about how I was representing myself, Milligan Habitat for Humanity, Milligan College, my family and most importantly Christ, I wanted to make a good first impression. That meant work first and fellowship later.

The two groups quickly meshed into one. We met Adlai, 50, who often seemed to be a lovable child trapped in a half-cen-

tury old body. This man of God talked openly about his Christian walk, the importance of his personal relationship with Jesus and he never let a word of encouragement go unspoken.

We met Bob, whose nickname was "Punk," who took us under his expert carpenter's wing with as much patience as a father has with his children. We played guitars and sang old gospel songs with Betty, Wally, Shirley and Dick. After an evening of singing, we said our goodnights and heard Betty comment, "I think

we just bridged a generation gap."

For the week, we measured, drilled, nailed, framed, sheetrocked, painted and finished a house. We learned a lot about each other and ourselves. We encouraged each other during the most difficult tasks.

From the demolition of the interior and exterior walls to the sheetrock and trim, to the painting, we saw the transformation of a large stack of building materials into a beautiful three-bedroom home.

It was a spring break that many of our peers may wonder why we sacrificed a week of relaxation on a sunny beach for the sweat of hauling plywood around a work site, picking mud out of the sticky Georgia

clay and waking up at 6:45 a.m. every day. I believe I speak for my fellow Milligan hammer swingers- it was the largest blessing and the most fun I have had in quite awhile.

The family that purchases the house we built last week will undoubtedly enjoy the physical shelter and the beauty of the building. I have no doubt that memories will be made, stories told, and love expressed between the studs that we constructed.

Somehow, I think the 13 of us got the better end of the deal.



Milligan Habitat for Humanity students cooperate with a group from Illinois to build a three-bedroom house in LaGrange, Ga. on the site of a future Jimmy Carter workcamp.

-Photo by Annie Tipton

Spring break on Apache Indian reservation proves valuable

Erin Blasinski

Managing Editor

Some people might not understand why I would rather spend my spring break on an Apache Indian reservation instead of going to a beach and getting a great tan. If you want to know why, just ask any one of the 22 of us that went.

Nineteen of my fellow students and I traveled with Crossroads to White River, Ariz., the heart of the Apache Indian Reservation. We worked with Apache Youth Ministries on a week-long outreach program for teens.

Before we began our week of work, we attended a Sunday morning church service on the Navajo Indian reservation. It was amazing. We heard prayers and the sermon in both English and Navajo. I don't know about anyone else, but hearing people praise God in their native language was so awesome. We were so honored when the minister asked our group to come front so the congregation could pray for our work the upcoming week. I stood in awe as everyone began praying at the same time and in whatever language he was most comfortable.

We traveled next to Canyon de Shelly for hiking and sightseeing. The only words that I could say when I saw the canyons were "God is amazing!" We spent a few hours hiking down and having fun hanging out as a group before we began our mission the following day.

Our week was not the most organized adventure I had ever been on but that was okay because we allowed God to work with us and guide us on our mission. Every morning we woke up and ate breakfast, had a time of worship and devotion and then split up into two teams to work on various projects on the reservation.

One team spent their morning at Ron's house cleaning, fixing and doing odd jobs, while the other team hauled around garbage bags full of trash that was picked up around the church where the program was held each night. Although it was definitely not the most glamorous job in the world, it was humbling and I knew that I was doing it to glorify God.

Every night Ron took a big school bus around the reservation to pick up teens for the evening youth rally. Once all the teens had arrived the first night, we split them up into smaller groups with two or three Milligan students leading each group. We all had to come up with silly team names such as "Pizza Monkeys" and "Lions and Tigers and Bears Oh My!" Each night we played team games, worshiped God with singing, watched skits, listened to a speaker and discussed questions in our small groups. We then talked and prayed with the teens who were struggling with

their relationship with God, dealing with deaths of friends or families or just wanting someone to listen to them.

It was so humbling to see the teens' desire to have a relationship with God. They struggle with so much each day at school and at home that we have no concept at all. They want to follow God so bad and their longing to do so is truly inspirational.

Just like last year, I had an amazing time getting to know the teenagers on the reservation as well as bonding with the other members of the Milligan team. The teenagers were a great encouragement because of their total faith in God and willingness to be broken by Him and be changed. I think that we all learned a little more about ourselves and about how faithfully God works in all things.

"...hearing people praise God in their native language was so awesome."

-Erin Blasinski



Freshman Parker Creel (background) looks on as two boys on the Apache Reservation horse around.

-Photo by Jason Marshall

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Nix retires after 36 years at Milligan

Tori Watts
Reporter

After 36 years of teaching at Milligan, Gene Nix will retire from his full-time position as professor of chemistry.

Nix said he came to Milligan "not because I was looking for a job, but because it was Milligan."

Over the decades, he has taught various physical science and chemistry courses. This semester he teaches the Earth and Space labs and Instrumental Analysis, and supervises the chemical hygiene and proper disposal of chemicals for the science and photography areas.

According to Dick Lura, chair, area of scientific learning and professor of chemistry, the science department is going to "reconfigure the chemistry program." He said they will have "less flexibility [without Nix] although the actual number of chemistry hours won't change much."

Diane Junker, professor of chemistry, also teaches some nursing classes and Nix taught some of the physical science courses. The chemistry hours offered were

taught by three but can also be handled by two professors.

"There is a lower Chemistry enrollment" said Nix. "If we needed three full-time chemists I probably wouldn't retire. There is no need for three full-time people."

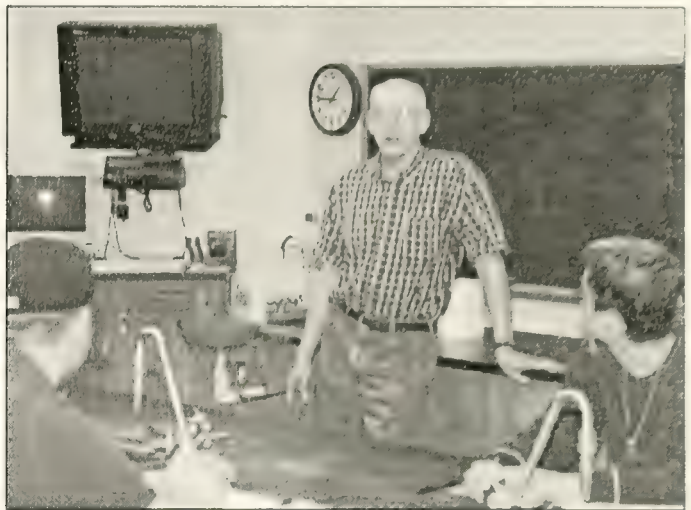
Nix will tentatively teach the Earth and Space labs part-time next year.

"I love what I do. I like teaching," he said.

Sophomore chemistry major Justin Peyton, said, "[Nix is] very willing to help people when they have questions, majors or non-majors. Dr. Nix really went out of his way to explain things to students that may not even be in any of his classes."

He has been in the teaching profession for 42 years.

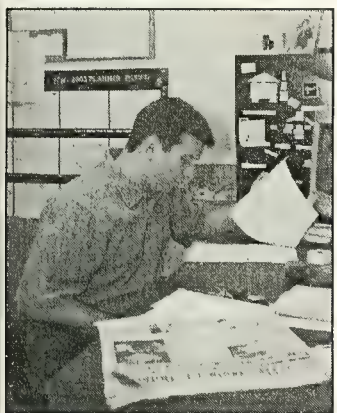
Lura said, "From a chair standpoint, one of the things I've appreciated most about Gene is he has always been extremely cooperative about schedules and what he teaches. He is very selfless. I don't think we're going to realize how different it is going to be until he actually retires."



Gene Nix, professor of chemistry, is retiring from Milligan after 36 years of teaching. Nix will continue to teach Earth and Space labs part-time next year.

-Photo by Jason Harville

19 resident chaplains named for next year



Campus Minister Nathan Flora reviews applications for the new resident chaplain positions.

-Photo by Jason Harville

Abby Conley
Reporter

Nineteen students were chosen for Milligan's new resident chaplain program for the 2003-2004 school year.

Student selection was based 80 to 90 per cent on their application answers, said Nathan Flora, campus minister. References from students, employers, resident directors and the dean of students were consulted.

The application process this year was modified due to time constraints, said Flora. Next year, he hopes to interview applicants and weight decisions more heavily based upon those interviews.

Webb, Sutton and Hart Halls will have two chaplains per floor rather than the one planned. Flora said he wanted to parallel the RA situation to increase the likelihood that chaplains will have the per-

sonal contact they are intended to have.

"Many of the goals of the program are the same things I wanted to do this semester," said freshman Parker Creel, a Webb Hall resident chaplain, who applied because he "wanted in some way to be part of the body of Christ."

He views the resident chaplain program as a good foundation provided by the school for what one person wants to happen but cannot accomplish alone.

Sutton Hall resident chaplains freshmen Jill Miller and Breanna Shelton share a desire to nurture the spiritual lives of residents.

"I would love to see the girls get to know each other better, especially on a spiritual level," said Miller.

Miller said she wants to get more involved on campus and give back to the college for a great freshman year, and the

resident chaplain program was an avenue to do this.

Shelton is excited about the new emphasis on dorm life through fellowship-with others.

"I think it will help people get involved and stay connected with God," said Shelton, noting the difficult transition of freshman year.

The responsibilities of the resident chaplains, as defined by the application, are "coordinating opportunities for service, promoting and encouraging a Godly worldview, character and living environment, providing pastoral care and mentoring and leading weekly events for fellowship and Bible study."

Flora believes this program will add a new dimension to residence life that will incorporate all students as well as aid in promoting vocation as a call from God.

Occupational therapy takes 180 degree turn

Cassie Lomison
Reporter

Milligan's occupational therapy program has hired a new professor and has turned 180 degrees from being on hold to exceeding the goal of 15 applicants for fall 2003.

The program was put on hold last semester due to the lack of students. The goal of 15 applicants was not met when just two students enrolled.

Twenty-one applicants have been admitted for the fall, including 18 who have already paid their deposits, according to the March 5 faculty minutes.

Christy Gamble, assistant professor and admissions coordinator of occupation therapy, credited the program's success to God.

"It's a God thing," Gamble said.

Gamble said since October the

occupational therapy department had four to five months to find a new professor and have 15 students enrolled by their deadline of March 1. When March 1 came around, not only did they have a new professor, but they exceeded their goal and had 16 students.

This program, however, does not admit every applicant. Every student must meet the prerequisites including nine to 12 hours of math and science, nine hours of social science, six hours of communication and one to three hours of medical terminology. Students may fulfill this last requirement after admission.

Applicants must also have 40 volunteer hours in occupational therapy or a related area. They must hold a minimum 3.0 GPA and come for an admissions visit where they talk with the faculty.

This fall, Jeff Snodgrass, will be join-

ing the staff full-time. Snodgrass is currently the Clinical Manager of Ergonomics at Wellmont Health System. Gamble said she is excited about Snodgrass joining their team because he has excellent work experience in O.T. and has already taught a class for the program.

Gamble credits the boost in numbers for the fall semester to the recent open houses, advertising in the cafeteria, neighboring universities and colleges and at other institutions of the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities.

Gamble said the first goal for the new O.T. program is to obtain a full class. While 30 students can be admitted, Gamble would like to see only 20 to 25 students so they can obtain a small group atmosphere.

Another goal is for a larger number of Milligan College students in the program.

Four of the 18 students accepted for the fall will be Milligan graduates. Gamble would like to see half of the students be Milligan graduates.

The Milligan students that attend the graduate program have a good work ethic compared to some other students, she said. Gamble believes Milligan's humanities program forces students to study a lot, which helps prepare them for graduate coursework.

Gamble also seeks to continue to produce quality occupational therapists. When students graduate from the program, they are placed directly into jobs. There is 100 percent job placement with an average salary starting around \$53,000.

She said she is excited about the improvement and recent success for the program, and she is hopeful for the future.

News

From the wire

The battle for Baghdad begins: On Wednesday, American troops prepared to enter what has been described as the "red zone," some 50 miles outside Baghdad. The Republican Guard defends this area, and American commanders have described the area as the "most strategically vital and treacherous of the war." Entering this zone brings Allied forces closer to their goal of capturing the capital of Iraq and removing Saddam Hussein from power. Military leaders said this area is particularly dangerous because this would be the target area if Republican Guard forces use chemical weapons. A New York Times article said, "The current attack followed almost two weeks of bombing, the capture of more than 4,600 prisoners and the deployment of more than 100,000 allied troops in Iraq, many of whom have traversed hundreds of miles and defended against persistent efforts by fedayeen and other Iraqi paramilitary units to attack allied supply lines."

American Airlines flight is quarantined: Tuesday, an American Airlines flight arriving in California from Tokyo was temporarily quarantined as it was suspected that some passengers were carrying SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome. Although no one on the jet was found to have the disease, 69 cases of SARS have been reported in the United States, among the approximately 1,800 cases reported worldwide. So far, the cases reported in the United States have not led to fatalities or near-fatalities. Doctors are having a difficult time diagnosing what constitutes a case of SARS, as they do not know what causes it or how to test for it. A New York Times article said, "At the moment, unexplained pneumonia, or even a dry cough and fever, plus a recent visit to China, Hong Kong or Southeast Asia or contact with a recent visitor, is as close as health officials can get." Around the world, it is believed that 64 people have now died of this disease that is more prevalent in China, Vietnam, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Supreme Court examines affirmative action: As the University of Michigan defended its programs that utilized affirmative action this week, it appeared that the U.S. Supreme Court was leaning in favor of affirmative action practices "in a world where color still matters and where senior military officers describe affirmative action as essential for national security." The opposite argument put forth by opponents to affirmative action is that organizations should act on a "color-blind principle." It is still uncertain if the University of Michigan's specific programs will survive. According to a New York Times article, "The university's undergraduate admissions program gives an automatic 20 points on a 150-point scale to applicants who are black, Hispanic or American Indian. The highly selective law school does not use a formula, but regularly admits students from those three groups who have lower grades and test scores than many white students it admits." The Bush administration said the school failed to show that they cannot create diversity on campus through a "race-neutral alternative."

Compiled by Paige Wassel with information from the New York Times.

Lady Buffs sweep Bluefield in doubleheader

Erin Blasinski
Managing Editor

The Lady Buffs defeated Bluefield College 9-1 in both games of a double header on March 28.

In the first game, junior Shelby Banion scored two runs and had two triples that scored four runs for the Lady Buffs. Sophomore Danielle Gilley batted two for three with one run and one RBI.

"We always play well against Bluefield because they are not a very strong team," said Banion. "The games allowed us to build our confidence."

Sophomore Brandy Waddle pitched the first three innings and struck out six batters, walked one and allowed only

one hit.

Banion pitched two innings and allowed only one run and two hits.

"Brandy did really well," said junior Ellen Stoots. "Shelby pitched for the first time in two years. She did well hitting her spots and keeping the ball down. I have a lot of respect for her because she has pitched, played third, second and first. That's respectable for keeping her mental toughness and focus."

In the second game, Milligan scored all nine runs on only four hits. Senior Rebecca Dawson had two hits and freshman Rebecca Gilley batted one for two with one double.

"It is hard to play to your potential

against a team like them because they are not very good," said Stoots. "We did well but we only got four hits."

Stoots said that the team's overall batting average was lowered when the team should have batted higher against a team like Bluefield.

Waddle pitched two innings and freshman Courtney Roth pitched the final three innings allowing only one run and one hit.

"We got to work on specific aspects of the game instead of just working to get hits, runs or outs," said Banion. "The games allowed us to work on techniques of hitting and pitching."

The Lady Buff's record improved 16-10 overall and 13-3 in conference play.

Home match equals victory for women's tennis

Amanda Diefendorf
Reporter

The women's tennis team received an unexpected break on March 25 when they were forced to play on campus, resulting in a 9-0 win over Montreat College.

The team was scheduled to play at the Liberty Bell Tennis Center in Johnson City, but due to a scheduling conflict with the Science Hill High School teams, Milligan was forced to move their game to campus.

"It's great having people at our match," said sophomore Hannah Henderson. "It really gives you confidence and I know our fans can shake up our opponents."

Henderson's teammate Cassie Lomison agreed that having people at the match really helps motivate the team. She said that at Liberty Bell, very few Milligan fans attend the match, which doesn't give

Milligan the potential advantage that fans bring.

The women began the match with three sets of doubles and all of the Milligan doubles teams won their games easily. Then there were six singles competitions, which Milligan also won effortlessly.

"I thought it was a good outing to gain some confidence," said Coach Marvin Glover. "Montreat's overall play has improved since last year and so the score doesn't reflect the overall matches and how close they were."

Glover also said the match helped give the team momentum and a lot of confidence for their match against Tennessee Wesleyan March 29.

"We all definitely think we'll win against Wesleyan this time. If we play aggressively I know that we have the ability to win," said Henderson.

The team has played all but one game to finish the first half of the season. They are now looking toward the second half, hoping to capitalize on the confidence they have gained in the last few matches.

"I am very excited about the second half of the season," said junior Sara Wallingford. "We are all getting better with each match and we are definitely going to turn some heads in the remainder of the season."

Glover said that he also expects several more wins because the team has been taking games into three sets causing closer matches.

"Our game has definitely improved," said Henderson. "We had a lot of confidence going into our match against King, and even though we didn't win the match, we still took that confidence into our game on Tuesday against Montreat."

Next year's budget tight for a tight economy

Jason Reed
Web Administrator

The economic turmoil of the United States for the past two years has created a difficult environment for small colleges, but one that may be filled with opportunity. In the fiscal year before July 30, 2001, Milligan College's endowment shrunk from \$6.1 million to \$5.6 million.

However, this economic downturn also produced a large pool of prospective college students who are striving to compete in a shrinking job market. While next year's budget will be tight and many projects are being postponed, Milligan's administration remains optimistic that the next few years will be a time of growth.

The college has fewer funds to allocate campuswide but is striving to maintain the quality of Milligan's curriculum despite cutbacks.

"We have had to work very hard to

produce a tight budget," said Mark Matson, academic dean. "I think we have done so, making sacrifices here and there."

He said all full-time faculty positions are secure. The number of smaller classes will be reduced, as will the number of adjuncts, though adjuncts will not be eliminated.

As a result of the SACS report, the library will receive a larger book budget and arrangements are being made to increase shelf space.

The collapse of the Physical Plant will not affect next year's budget.

Budget Director Chris Rolph wrote, "The College has made a special appeal to our donors to assist in the removal of the old building [and] replacement of the facility and equipment."

The recently acquired \$1.9 million Lilly Grant will enable the college to provide scholarships, enlarge the career development program and improve resi-

dence halls.

The admissions department is also ensuring that Milligan's financial future looks brighter.

David Mee, vice president for enrollment management, made it his goal to, "Push Milligan over 1,000 total students."

Mee said many people seek to further their education when job markets shrink. The admissions office set a short-term goal to increase the number of freshman and transfers for fall 2003 by 10 to 12 percent. By making small increases to the number of entering students each year and maintaining high retention rates, Mee believes that his dream of 1,000 students can be achieved by the fall 2006.

While there will be visible budget cuts throughout the next year, the administration hopes that increased enrollment and retention combined with distinctly Christian graduate programs will lead to a better future for the college.

Leslie Glover talks about her husband's deployment

Q: What branch of the armed forces is your husband a part of and what is his rank?

A: Army-[William] is in the Reserves (3397th Garrison Support Unit, Chattanooga. Rank: Major - IG (Inspector's General Office).

Q: How active has he been within that branch?

A: Active with his current unit for two years. He had to take leave of absence from his current employer, John Deere Power Products, Greeneville as Production Manager.

Q: When did he join the military?

A: He served active for 10 1/2 years and has been the Reserves for six years.

Q: When was he called up, and do you have any general idea as to where he is serving at the moment?

A: He his unit was activated on Jan. 16, 2003. Currently, he is assigned to 101st Airborne Division out of Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Q: Do you know how long he has to serve in this present conflict?

A: His orders are for one year, but as a soldier, he will be there as long as needed.

Q: Has he had to serve in any conflicts in the past?

A: None.

Q: How are you feeling about your husband's current position and location?

A: [I'm] coping and staying in prayer everyday for this country, the leadership, the troops and other families.

Q: Any other comments?

A: My wish is for all Americans to do the same, pray for this nation!

-From an interview with Editor-in-Chief Paige Wassel

Milligan Voices

Editor ponders war and peace with Iraq

Paige Wassel
Editor-in-Chief



It was so easy to avoid it. Even though I passed through the communications building every day while CNN was on the lobby television, and every time I opened my

Internet homepage, more coverage was posted, I could still ignore a lot of it. After all, I'm a college student. I have to complete my schoolwork on time and fulfill my other extracurricular commitments. Except for the most basic information that I gathered for my national news column and heard about on "Beyond the Bubble," the weekly news radio show the Stampede sponsors, I could mostly ignore it.

But then, during last week's newspaper meeting, the staff was quick to remind me that since this was extremely newsworthy, someone should write an editorial about it. They were just as quick to nominate me to be that person.

So, for the past week, I've addressed how I think about the war with Iraq.

I've recently been reading more articles about the war and discussing it with other people, but by no means do I consider myself an authority on the situation. I also imagine that like some of you, I'm struggling with the idea of war.

I consider myself a supporter of our government in general. I believe that scripture in Romans 13 directs us to give part of our allegiance to government authority, as all positions of authority have

"So I confess that I don't have the answer to world peace, and I don't know how reconcile the conflicting ideas that I believe. But I do want to show support to our troops, and I think Jesus understands that."

- Paige Wassel

to function as well as it does.

Even if I don't agree with everything President Bush does, I have to respect his position of authority and acknowledge that his task is not easy. As Dr. Ted Thomas said recently on "Beyond the Bubble," if Bush doesn't take any action and Saddam uses a weapon of mass destruction, Bush will be criticized for having the information about Saddam's resources and doing nothing. But by taking action, without the support of the United Nations and other world leaders, he'll be criticized for taking that step.

It seems evident that Iraq is closed off to the outside world, ruled by an oppressive dictatorship. If we are blessed enough as a nation to go into that country and provide the people with an opportunity for freedom from atrocities we can't imagine, don't we have an obligation to do that?

What becomes difficult for me, as a Christian, is our method of fighting evil. Although Christ lived under a Roman dictatorship, he didn't advocate a violent reaction to that authority. In fact, he told us to "turn the other cheek" and show love to our enemies.

So I have been struggling to reconcile these extreme ideas swimming around in my head, with little success.

However, an article that was pointed out to me at my work-study job during one discussion of recent war news has encouraged me.

Johann Christoph Arnold, a writer for an online web site for Bruderhof communities, wrote that it is clear Jesus did not support armed force. When Jesus was arrested, one of his disciples drew his sword and cut off the ear of a soldier, and Jesus rebuked him saying, "Put your sword back in its place, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword." (Matthew 26:52 NIV) Arnold, who writes from a strongly anti-war perspective, points out, "Neither did he condemn those who used it (armed force) - even against him." Rather, Arnold contends that Jesus prayed for the forgiveness of everyone.

I thought about the wonderful grace extended in that statement. Jesus didn't

condemn the disciples for their shortcomings, he didn't condemn the zealots that fought against the government, he didn't condemn the soldiers for their show of force and he doesn't condemn us for our imperfections either.

Recently, the world has questioned the United States' motives in taking action against Iraq. Do we just want to safeguard ourselves and our oil supply? Are we really interested in bringing freedom to the Iraqi people?

I received an e-mail from my mother addressing one answer to these issues in two short paragraphs. The information came from a web site called "The Right Report," and it reads:

"When in England at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of empire building by George Bush. He answered by saying that, 'Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return.'"

So I confess that I don't have the answer to world peace, and I don't know how to reconcile the conflicting ideas that I believe. But I do want to show support to our troops, and I think Jesus understands that.

I will continue praying for our troops, our leaders and our enemies and hope that someone wiser than I can find a solution to this conflict.

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Features

Resident hall lobbies get makeover

Jacque Patterson

Production Manager

Hart Hall is ready to undergo more change for the 2003-2004 school year. With funding from the Lilly Grant, a new project is still in its early planning stages but may be underway by sometime next year.

"The Lilly Grant has an established portion of dollars to go toward resident hall renovations," said Danielle Booth, director of student life and Hart Hall resident director. "We will be focusing on improvements to enhance spiritual development. It won't be just in lobby space alone."

Each lobby in the dorm, excluding the main lobby, will undergo extensive cosmetic repair. However, these changes are not solely for aesthetic pleasure. The changes are intended to encourage Milligan's goal of community and provide more study areas on campus.

Senior resident assistant Amanda Diefendorf is among the R.A.s that came up with some of the ideas for the lobbies.

"We basically walked around the dorm starting on first floor and gave our ideas for what would be a good way to decorate," said Diefendorf. "We were also trying to work in the idea of community. So we decided that making each floor lobby different would help add to people doing things off of their floor."

Each lobby will have a different purpose and theme.

"First floor lobby is going to still have the soda machines and such, and it will be

set up with a few couches and chairs but have a TV mounted to the wall to allow for exercise. The second floor we felt would use more open study space. So we felt clumps of chairs or even tables like SUB7 would work well. The third floor is all about open space for lots of people to hang out it, mostly because the floor is made up of freshmen," said Diefendorf.

The small study rooms near the lobbies will also undergo changes. The small study room on first floor would be primarily used for group study or Bible studies. Second floor's study room will hopefully have a television as well as a DVD or VCR player and could be used as a TV room. Third floor's room will be another study room with more allowance for individual study as well as some storage space for R.A.s and dorm council.

Hart Hall will not be the only dorm to have new renovations however.

"Changes will occur in Hart, Sutton, and Webb. Some of these jobs will include minor structural changes, carpentry, new wiring and will need to be done by contractors. Some may be done by staff," said Booth. "We're still in the early stages of planning."

Booth is looking forward to the new changes both physical and social.

"I think the most significant change is that we are trying to add areas in which students can commune together, growing with one another in the Lord," said Booth. "Right now, some fellowship may be stifled by the mere fact there are not appropriate spaces for students to gather."



Senior Adam Samaritoni and junior Amber Neill help pack clothes for Master Provisions. The average bag of clothes weighs 85 pounds. Each shipping container is packed with these bags and will be shipped to Ukraine.

-Photo by Jason Harville

Horvath hired as new business faculty member

COURSE LOADS

SHIFT WITH START
OF M.B.A. PROGRAM

Jennifer Soucie

Copy Editor

Charles Horvath of Beaver Falls, Pa. is the newest addition to Milligan's business faculty. He will begin by teaching External Strategic Management in the Master of Business Administration program in August.

"He will hit the ground running in the fall...students will find him challenging and motivating," said Bill Greer, Kegley associate professor of economics and business and chair, area of professional learning.

At the undergraduate level, Horvath will teach Operations Management, currently taught by Assistant Professor of Business Administration Vicki Sitter and Marketing, formerly taught by Bob Orsini, adjunct professor of business administration, who died in February.

Horvath said, "As a Christian, I felt God calling me to a school where I can combine my education with my Christian worldview. This is particularly relevant when I teach business ethics. Without the Bible as our guide, ethics becomes a matter of personal preference."

Greer chaired the committee to locate Horvath. Also sitting on the search committee were Bob Mahan, associate professor of accounting, Sitter and Chris Heard, assistant professor of Bible. Greer said faculty search committees utilize a faculty

member from another discipline to offer a different perspective.

With the addition of a faculty member and the beginning class of the M.B.A. program, the business department will be shuffling faculty course loads. Another business faculty member will be hired next year to teach both graduate and undergraduate courses as another round of M.B.A. cohorts begin classes.

"I don't want our traditional undergraduate program's quality to diminish because of the M.B.A. program," said Greer.

Faculty holding a Ph.D. will teach in both the graduate and undergraduate degree programs in their area of expertise and interest. Sitter will finish her Ph.D. from Regent University in one year. Greer said he wants as many M.B.A. courses

taught by full-time Milligan faculty members as possible. However, a class in health care administration will be taught by an adjunct professor.

Horvath holds a B.S. in psychology and an M.B.A. in organizational behavior, both from Pennsylvania State University, a M.Div. in pastoral theology from Gordon-Cornwell Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in organizational studies from University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He and his wife, Becky, have three grown children.

Horvath said, "The people [at Milligan] have a true commitment to excellence that you do not always find at Christian schools. Also, a liberal arts college is the best way to go; business administration is best taught as a part of a holistic education, not as an end in itself."

Humanities tour confirmed, two-thirds of students travelling

Mary Stephens

Reporter

Milligan's 2003 Humanities Tour is confirmed to depart June 3 from Atlanta with a slim possibility of cancellation. However, one third of its students will not be stepping aboard the plane.

Host EF Tours confirmed the departure date in an e-mail last week to Ted Thomas, associate professor of humanities, history, and German and the 2003 tour director. Thomas said that confirmation would have included more information by now if airlines had not been under so much strain from terrorism threats and war uncertainties.

"The tour is on," said Thomas. "We're committed to the tour."

According to Thomas, 17 of 43 students cancelled their reservations this semester. Most withdrew due to war uncertainties and had to pay EF Tours' \$400 fee required of those who cancel 66 to 115 days before departure.

The tour will only be cancelled if Congress declared war or the U.S. Department of State issued a travel warning for one of the countries visited. Currently most of the countries under travel warning are African and Middle Eastern; none are European.

"The war would have to take a tremendous turn and there would have to be a major countrywide terrorist threat for the [U.S. Department of State] to issue that kind of a warning. So I think the

chances of EF canceling the tour are very small," said Thomas.

Junior Travis Deyton had been planning to attend since his sophomore year before changing his mind recently.

"The main thing that influenced me was the break out of the war. I don't want to say I fear for my life, but it's just an unnecessary risk to take," said Deyton.

He said he considered the anti-Americanism of countries not in the coalition for war in Iraq, namely France and Germany.

Jack Knowles, professor of English and chair for the area of humane learning, has led the tour four times, most recently in 2001.

"I do not know of any major incident

of anti-Americanism in the last 30 years," he said.

Sophomore Melissa Mills is going on the tour and said she sees traveling during wartime as an experience to be shared later when she has children.

Ruth McDowell Cook, associate professor of English and humanities and 2004 tour director, said she expects the 20 slots still available to be taken by mid-April as war fears subside.

Carmen Allen, administrative assistant for academic affairs, said that a decision has not yet been made regarding a summer humanities course for those who cancelled from the tour. She said that Mark Matson, academic dean, will decide within the next couple weeks.

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Passion-Palooza promotes One-Day conference



Students gather on Pardee Lawn to celebrate Passion Palooza on Tuesday evening.
-Photo by Jason Harville

Jacqui Patterson
Production Editor

Possibly mistaken for an extended "Wonderful Wednesday," celebration, Passion-Palooza graced the field of Pardee Lawn on Tuesday evening trying to gain interest in the One-Day conference Memorial Day weekend.

2002 alumni Brian Davis led worship and Passion representative and Tusculum University senior Joshua Helms spoke on behalf of Passion. Approximately 75 to 80 people attended.

Junior Sarah Mason, a volunteer, said, "I thought that the turn out was pretty good, but you can never really know what to expect with things like this."

Sophomore Crystal VanMeter, is a part of the 10-member planning committee at Milligan who helped organize the palooza.

"We spent a lot of time putting together the Palooza," said VanMeter. "It had a pretty good turn out. We hope that people became interested in One Day, but mostly we just hope that God got some

glory."

There will be over 50,000 college-aged people at the conference in Sherman, Texas including students from Milligan as well as neighboring schools such as ETSU. By registering early, students can travel with Milligan for \$45, which includes registration and travel expenses. A late fee of \$10 will be imposed if registered after May.

As seen at Passion-Palooza, One Day is an event where students prepare for two days leading up to the worship time for the "one day," which is Memorial Day. The conference will be based upon Joel 2:15-16a.

"It pumped me up and got me excited and knew I wanted to go to Texas and be a part of it," said VanMeter. "I'd love to help be a part of the team to blow the trumpet. I knew I wanted to be a part of the team that gets Milligan students excited about going."

As a small group, we have been meeting, planning and doing some promotion ideas to advertise for One Day since the

middle of March.

Junior Katie Masses, a volunteer member of the planning committee.

"We wanted to build excitement in the campus to go," said Masses. "It will be a life-changing experience and I know we will see great things in our world because of it."

Junior Jessica Carter said that they will continue to advertise the event and try to get people to sign up to attend the One-Day conference.

The conference happens once every three years. The last conference was in Memphis, Tenn. and featured author Beth Moore as the main speaker and David Crowder as music leader.

Because One-Day wants to keep the focus of the conference on worshipping God, this year's main speaker and band will not be revealed until it begins. The origin of Passion was not available before print.

People who want more information can sign up in the cafeteria until April 19 or go to www.oneday03.com.

Tim Elmore speaks on models of leadership

Mary Stephens
Reporter

The capable 21st-century servant leader is a "poet-gardener," said Tim Elmore of EQUIP at the April 15 Leaders in Christian Service convocation. Christian leaders in the tri-cities were honored with a basin and towel trophy representing Christ's example in the washing of feet.

Elmore described the different models of leadership in the past 40 to 50 years, including the role of the military commander leader and the leader as a coach. In his modern analysis of the poet gardener leader, Elmore explained that as a poet, a leader should be voice for those he is working with, and as a gardener, the leader's primary role is to grow and develop the people they have been given to lead.

"[Their] primary objective is to do the significant, not just the successful," Elmore said.

In the afternoon, Elmore held a faculty and staff session entitled "Developing a Leadership Culture" and

for students "The Primary Colors of a Leader."

At the student session, Elmore drew from personal growth and said that events [such as speeches and altar calls] can serve as a catalyst for people to change, but true change occurs in day-to-day processes.

"He gave us a lot of inspiration about how to see a vision and follow it through," said senior Amanda Ruble.

Elmore said that the main difference between leaders and followers is perspective.

Campus Minister Nathan Flora attended all three of Elmore's speaking commitments at Milligan.

"I think that he contributed to further building the idea that every employee of the college is involved in this process of mentoring and cultivating a culture of leadership despite what your capacity is."

[This is] calling us to step out of just our tasks but to really serve the students and to form relationships with them that will help them become the people we want them to be," said Flora.



Tim Elmore of EQUIP speaks to students and faculty on models of leadership throughout the years. Elmore spoke in both convocation and Hyder Auditorium on Tuesday. He held a faculty and staff session entitled, "Developing a Leadership Culture" and a student session entitled, "Primary Colors of a Leader."

-Photo by Mary Stephens

Choral Union concert to make statement for peace

Abby Conely
Reporter

Milligan will present its annual Choral Union performance on May 2. However, this performance will be different than its predecessors.

The group will perform Ralph Vaughan Williams' cantata "Dona Nobis Pacem," which means "Grant Us Peace."

Rather than a traditional performance, the selection will be presented as a "commentary on war and a prayer for peace," said John Wakefield, choral union director and associate professor of music. The music will be accompanied by a visual presentation of quotes and photographs.

The commentary on war will convey

that we need to be deliberate in considering war and wary of its seductiveness, realizing the lasting damages of war.

"War is seductive," said Bert Allen, professor of psychology and Vietnam War veteran.

Allen responded to Wakefield's e-mail asking for ideas from the faculty. When the two discussed the performance, the idea for a visual presentation arose.

"I believe young people and old people who have not experienced war have an incomplete picture," said Allen. "I hope this will fill out the picture somewhat."

The visual presentation is intended to

show facets of war that are not usually seen, according to Allen.

"We don't talk much about losses of war," he said. "We talk about land taken, battles won. We need to talk about the losses."

The planned presentation will show those losses through images such as wounded and killed military personnel and civilians.

The words of the musical piece include passages from the Old and New Testaments, a poem by Walt Whitman, and portions of English parliament member John Bright's speech about the Angel of Death that was made in protest of the Crimean War.

The Choral Union is a group that combines ensembles, Milligan students and faculty and community members. Due to the large size of the cantata, approximately 60 singers are involved this year. Additionally, a chamber orchestra will provide accompaniment music, adding 20 to 25 members.

Although viewed as timely by Wakefield, the performance of Dona Nobis Pacem was not chosen for that reason.

"I had wanted to do this piece simply because it's a beautiful piece of music," said Wakefield. "Beautiful music needs to be performed."

News

From the wire

Victory in Iraq certain but not complete: On Tuesday, President Bush announced, "the regime of Saddam Hussein is no more." Following the successes of Allied troops in major Iraq cities, the United States is using its new position to put pressure on Syria and Iran. Syria has been accused of harboring Iraqi fugitives and preparing chemical weapons. Secretary of State Colin Powell insisted that the United States has no current war plan against Syria, but will take economic and diplomatic sanctions. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the United States is taking action to cut off an oil supply line between Iraq and Syria. Bush said, "Our victory in Iraq is certain, but it is not complete." He announced that Gen. Tommy Franks, senior commander in the war theater, would have to determine if all of Washington's military objectives had been met before an official victory could be declared. The United States is currently seeking potential government leaders among the Iraqi people.

U.S. and North Korea to talk: President Bush has agreed to hold talks with North Korea early next week in Beijing, which will be the first discussion between the two countries since North Korea, "threw out international inspectors and restarted its main nuclear weapons plant." This agreement came after North Korea persisted that they only spoke with the United States on the issue. The United States sought to avoid these one-on-one talks because U.S. officials feared that such talks would separate the United States from its Asian allies and argued that the North Korea nuclear program concerned all of Asia. North Korea agreed to let China sit in on the negotiations, but Japan, South Korea and Russia will not participate. A senior U.S. official said that the United States may bring in other countries as the talks proceed. A New York Times article said, "In the six months since the United States and North Korea last met, the North Koreans ejected inspectors, withdrew from the nuclear nonproliferation treaty and restarted the plutonium reprocessing facility that was frozen under a 1994 agreement with the United States."

Fire leads to death of five students: Officials have determined that arson was the cause of a fire that broke out at Ohio State University and led to the deaths of five students. According to a New York Times article, "The fire began early Sunday hours after a 21st birthday party for one of the dead in a student rooming house one block east of campus on E. 17th Ave. It was estimated that 80 people attended the gathering, but the fire happened after the party and most of the residents were asleep." Those who died in the fire were Alan Schlessman, 21, of Sandusky, Ohio, whose birthday was being celebrated, and Kyle Raulin, 20, of West Chester, Ohio, and three sorority sisters from Alpha Gamma Delta at Ohio University: Christine Wilson, 20, of Dublin, Ohio; Andrea Dennis, 21, of Cincinnati; and Erin DeMarco, 19, of Canton, Ohio. The homicide investigation has not turned up any suspects, but \$15,000 rewards are being offered for information that would lead to the arrest and possible conviction of suspects.

-Compiled by Paige Wassel with information from the New York Times.

Men's tennis smashes UVA-Wise on Saturday



Freshman Joe Dyer returns the tennis ball to his opponent in a recent game.

-Photo by Jason Harville

Kiley Bell

Reporter

The men's tennis team defeated UVA-Wise 6-3 on April 12. Milligan narrowly defeated UVA-Wise, 5-4 on April 2.

Sophomore Adam Deiwert, who plays doubles with senior Joe Westerman said, "Saturday was a good day for the team. Coach Rich Aubrey wanted to win the number two and number three doubles, which were lost a few weeks earlier, and Joe and I did that. We came back from a rather large margin to win."

They play number three doubles and defeated their opponents 8-6. Number two doubles, narrowly lost 9-7, were played by sophomore Matt Emmert and freshman Joe Dyer.

Aubrey was pleased with the way the team played on April 12.

"We made some good adjustments in doubles and our solid play continued in singles. Joe Westerman had another good match," said Aubrey. "He played especially well in singles from maintaining his confidence throughout the match."

Junior Brock Hughston and sophomore Patrick Mitchell both won their individual singles matches. Hughston won 6-1 and 6-3 and Mitchell won 6-0 and 7-5. They collectively won their doubles match 8-4.

The next match for the men is on April 17 at King College.

The AAC tournament follows on April 24 and 25.

Women's Tennis Scores

Compiled by Amanda Dieffendorf

April 5 vs. Montreal

Cassie Lomison def. Stephanie Meier 6-0, 6-1
Cheri Lomison def. Kara Harding 6-1, 6-1
Sara Wallingford def. Camille Johnson 6-2, 6-2
Jessica Conn def. Michelle Convey 6-0, 6-3
Hannah Henderson lost to Allison Stinson 6-3, 6-3
Amy Vincent def. Jen Jolly 6-1, 6-0

Lomison-Lomison def. Meier-Harding 8-2

Wallingford-Conn def. Johnson-Convey 8-4

Vincent-Myra O'Dell def. Stinson-Jolly 8-2

Final: Milligan-8 Montreal-1

April 7 vs. Virginia Intermont

Cassie Lomison lost to Kago Phatshwane 6-4, 6-2
Cheri Lomison lost to Vita Feldmane 6-1, 6-3
Sara Wallingford lost to Esther Mbuga 7-5, 6-2
Jessica Conn lost to Felicia Ruiz 6-3, 6-4
Hannah Henderson def. Tonya Stinson 6-2, 6-0
Amy Vincent def. Erin Hall 6-4, 6-1

Lomison-Lomison lost to Phatshwane-Mbuga 8-5

Wallingford-Conn lost to Feldmane-Ruiz 8-5

Henderson-Vincent def. Stinson-Hall 8-4

Final: Milligan-3 V.I.-6

Lady Buffs pull out two more wins

Cassie Lomison

Reporter

Milligan's softball team came out victorious April 5 winning the doubleheader against Brevard College 6-0 and 4-2.

The Lady Buffs began dominating the first game in the bottom of the second inning when senior Rebecca Dawson hit the ball along the left field line allowing sophomore Danielle Gilley to score, to make the score 1-0. From there on, Milligan kept control of the game.

In the second game, neither team scored until the bottom of the third inning. At this point, senior Sarah Steele got hit by the ball and walked to first base.

Carissa Ellis stepped up and hit a fly ball over Brevard's second baseman.

Junior Shelby Banion ripped the ball deep into left field giving her a triple and allowing Steele and Ellis to score. At the end of the third inning, Milligan was up 2-0.

Brevard did not answer back until the top of the fifth inning. Brevard's Ashley Huezo hit a double, which allowed teammate Kim Pate to score.

Brevard's Bonnie Adams hit a grounder to Jenny Trompower, shortstop. Adams was safe because of an error by Milligan. Adams' grounder let Huezo score, tying the game 2-2.

The tides began to turn in the bottom of the sixth inning when Milligan was up to bat. Dawson hit a grounder between Brevard's shortstop and third baseman.

Gilley stepped up to the plate and hit

a high line drive past Brevard's third baseman, which allowed Dawson to advance to second.

Dawson and Gilley both scored when Steele hit the ball past the first and second basemen. Milligan ended the game with the final score of 4-2.

"I thought we played really well," said freshman Courtney Ruth. "Our defense and offense were both strong, and I was really proud of how we played since we hadn't played in a week."

The Lady Buffs also played April 14 against Union winning the first game 12-1 and losing the second 4-5.

The Lady Buffs improved their overall record to 22-14 and 19-7 in the AAC Conference.

56 students present at Blue Ridge Conference

Erin Blasinski

Managing Editor

Milligan hosted the tenth annual Blue Ridge Undergraduate Research Conference on April 11. Representing ten schools, 56 students, including 29 from Milligan, gathered and presented their research on a variety of topics.

"I believe that it was very successful," said Joy Drinnon, assistant professor of psychology and organizer of the 2003 Blue Ridge Conference.

Five or six mini-sessions were held within each of the three main sessions. Three or four students presented in each mini-session on diverse topics such as environmental studies, history of journalism and historical theology. All sessions were open to students and faculty.

"I have heard generally good com-

ments about the sessions," said Ted Thomas, associate professor of humanities, history and German.

Thomas received an e-mail from Mignon Mayfield Shelton, who attended a military history session where Milligan senior Tiffany Sample had presented research on Shelton's father.

Shelton commended the organization and feeling that Sample put into the presentation and research.

"It is important for students to participate in these conferences and to be a part of it as the host college," said Drinnon.

After lunch, guest speaker John Shelton Reed of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, gave a lecture entitled, "Where and What is the South."

Drinnon said his presentation was entertaining and educational for everyone.

Thomas applauded Drinnon's work as the coordinator and planner of the 2003 conference.

"She was quite well organized and she gets a lot of credit," he said.

Milligan will also host the 2004 Blue Ridge conference again with Drinnon serving as the coordinator. Colleges host the conference for two years in a row because the framework is established after the first year.

"I hope for more participation from more colleges and more students next year," said Drinnon.

The conference, which began at King College in 1993, has traveled to Carson-Newman College, Lee University and Maryville College.

Milligan hosted the conference once before, in 1995.

Milligan Voices

Senior offers a few admonitions

Jason Reed
Web Administrator



While four years is a short time to learn the ropes at a college, it is all that most of us are given. I believe that I may have a few helpful admonitions about service and service organizations that would benefit the Milligan Community.

Our college is currently pursuing two major goals. The first is our vision to become an institution that fosters Christian leadership. Rather than simply trying to teach leadership, Milligan should strive to create an environment where Christian leaders thrive. In my four years of college, I have consistently seen students learn leadership by rising to the challenge of reaching out as the hands of Christ. Student leaders are best equipped to perceive needs in the community and follow God's will to answer those needs. Overwhelmingly, it is students who lead service initiatives.

The second is to improve our image and reap the benefits of being a recognized Christian College. The best public relations Milligan College could ever hope for is an established rapport between students and the local community. The Boy Scouts of America are never short of funds because they are known as organi-

zation that helps individuals and gives back to the community. It is unfortunate that Milligan College is not similarly viewed, especially when service should be integral to our identity as Christians.

I believe that these two goals are not only compatible, but that the first is essential to the second. I offer the following suggestions for creating an environment of Christian service and Christian leaders:

Work with students and student organizations to advertise service opportunities. Do not merely permit advertisements, but actively encourage them. Allow communications students to be independently creative rather than have an official office, which controls on campus advertisements. The beginning of chapel and convocation are an excellent time to reach the entire student body with service advertisements. Streamline the accounting process with student organizations. Service organizations often have trouble withdrawing money in a timely fashion. However, time is often of the essence when reaching out to the community. Milligan should strive for a 24-hour turnaround time when processing checks.

Encourage students to use their knowledge to assist the service organizations they participate in. Computer Information Systems students can work with Milligan's IT department to create websites. Communications majors can help advertise service events through print and video. Accounting majors can help student organizations keep their books. Milligan is full of creative artists and writers who can show Christians' struggles and Christ's work to the world. Everyone at Milligan should have the opportunity to use their skills to participate in God's work and gain invaluable life experience.

The Milligan Community can achieve its goals by expressing its Christian identity. If Milligan is willing to make service a high priority and draw upon the whole body of Christ, I believe that our unique blend of liberal arts, science, and Christianity can make us not only a respected college, but a truly Christian witness.

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-Jason Reed

Ferlicca discusses presenting at the Blue Ridge Conference

Alysa Ferlicca is a sophomore Bible ministry and humanities major

Paige Wassel
Editor-in-Chief

Q: What did you present at the Blue Ridge Conference?

A: I presented a piece called "Augustine's defense of grace in the Pelagian controversy." It was on a treatise that Augustine had written on the grace of Christ defending his view of grace against Pelagius.

Q: What made you decide to participate?

A: I thought it would be a good experience to be able to put on my resumes within applications for grad schools.

Q: What did you think of the experience?

A: I thought it was pretty cool. What was cool about my session - the historical theological session - is that there were a lot of people there but they were all Milligan people.

Q: Would you have done anything differently?

A: If I would have had to do it again, I might have looked over my stuff a little bit more because I was a little bit nervous, but the material was well-researched so I wasn't worried about that.

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Features

Students to spend summer in mission work

Tori Watts

Reporter

Students campuswide are practicing servant leadership as they prepare to spend their summers serving others.

According to YouthWorks, the purpose of their program is "to provide life changing, Christ centered youth mission opportunities."

Each summer, they coordinate high school mission trips to various communities across the country. Each group stays in a community all summer and staff members are still needed. YouthWorks recruiters contacted senior K.J. Tencza about his experience working with them last summer in San Francisco. He plans to return this summer.

"The kids who come impact the staff, and the community impacts the kids more than the kids impact the community," he said.

Tencza sparked interest among other Milligan students; he said approximately 20 Milligan students are applying to work with Youth Works this summer. Senior Amanda Ruble will work in St. Petersburg, Fla this summer.

Senior Kristin Kerkvliet said, "I found out about YouthWorks from some pamphlets that were on the bulletin board in the Sub. I became more interested when I saw KJ's short video that was played in convo last semester, so I talked to K.J."

Kerkvliet was hired to work at a Native American Reservation in Red

Lake, Minn.

"I'm doing YouthWorks because it allows me to work with missions while getting paid as well as the opportunity to give of my talents and grow as a leader," she said.

Senior Adam Samaritoni has also applied to work with YouthWorks. He went on a similar trip with a different organization following high school and wanted to do it again as a staff member.

"I didn't want to just go home and work," he said. He is looking for the "opportunity to learn more about servant-leadership...I'm always looking to go to new places because you are able to relate to people from that area. As a doctor I want to be able to relate to as many peo-

ple as possible."

Many students are also participating in mission trips this summer. Junior Jarrod Davenport will serve on a medical mission team from her church in Romania for the second time.

After spending a week in Mexico during Christmas break, freshman Jan Markiewicz decided to return this summer as an intern. She will assist with construction, food preparation, and discipleship of the high school students who will be in Mexico for short-term trips this summer.

"I just wanted to do more with my summer than just sitting around with my friends," she said. "Christ has blessed me so much and I just feel an urgency to share Christ's love."

Marvelous Monday 03

(Clockwise) 1. Juniors Amy Vincent and Ann Panganiban race down the water slide. 2. Seniors Jason Reed and John Lawson compete on the bungee run. 3. Senior Ali Waters and sophomore Kristen Mitchell enjoy the inflatable games. 4. Campus Minister Nathan Flora dives headfirst down the water slide. 5. Sophomore Don Wallingford prepares to sumo wrestle his opponent. 6. Senior Marc Marshall attempts to surf down the water slide on Junior T.W. Davis' back. 7. Sophomore Angie Tapper competes to be the ultimate frisbee champion.

-Photos by Jason Hanville

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Father of 9-11 hero speaks at chapel service



David Beamer, father of Todd Beamer who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, spoke to the Milligan community at a National Day of Prayer service on Thursday.

-Photo by Jason Harville

Paige Wassel
Editor-in-Chief

David Beamer, father of the 9-11 hero Todd Beamer, addressed the Milligan College community during chapel on Thursday with a message on how to survive the "worst" and "hardest" day of your life.

Beamer began his message by saying that we as Americans are privileged to have the opportunity to have the National Day of Prayer in freedom.

"This freedom comes with a price that many have paid," Beamer said.

He spoke about his Todd's life before Sept. 11. Todd, 32, was on Flight 93, traveling to a business meeting in California when the plane was hijacked by terrorists. Because of information recovered from a flight recorder, Beamer said that their family knows that Todd prayed the Lord's Prayer and asked for God's guidance before leading a group of passengers to try to take back control of plane.

As he did this, Todd uttered the now famous words, "Are you ready? Let's roll."

Beamer said, "And we all know that it wasn't very long after that that the battle was over. The battle was won."

The plane crashed, killing Todd and all other passengers, but they were successful in preventing the terrorists from flying the plane into Washington, D.C. or the White House.

Because of the Christian heritage and influences in Todd's life, Beamer said his son was blessed and was ready for that day because he had accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. Beamer attributed Todd's family, summer camps at Milligan, teachers and coaches with roles in this heritage.

"Are you ready to meet God Almighty, your maker?" Beamer asked the audience. "That's life's most important question."

Sophomore Diane Hostetler said that she thought Beamer's message could

apply to all who attended chapel.

"I think it's just amazing how he can pull through something of that magnitude and carry on and make a witness out of it," she said.

Beamer was present as a part of the college's observation of the National Day of Prayer, and Don Jeanes, president of Milligan, introduced Beamer and his wife, Peggy, as longtime friends of the college.

Jeanes recognized the Beamers and made a special recognition of the Todd Beamer Scholarship for Christian Leadership which will be awarded for the second time to an incoming freshman next year. The 2003 recipient of this award is Eric England of West Union, Ill.

Last year's recipient, Joe Dyer, read scripture during the chapel service. Jeanes described the Beamers as examples of how Christians work through difficult situations by giving glory to God.

"They are models of faithfulness," said Jeanes.

Fitness center to receive face-lift

Lisa Saca
Reporter

The Milligan College fitness center in the fieldhouse will receive a face-lift thanks to a matching grant project sponsored by Social Affairs and the alumni office.

This program was announced to the student body in an e-mail from sophomore Deke Bowman, SGA public relations spokesperson.

"The matching grant is a wonderful program to improve the facilities of our campus," said Bowman. "I can't wait to see how this project turns out."

The matching grant project asks students for donations to give to a particular campus improvements cause. After the students donate money, the alumni office will match all donations given, up to \$1,000.

"Hopefully the project will increase philanthropy among the students," said Theresa Garbe, director of alumni relations.

The fitness center project is expected to last two to three years, considering the cost of equipment. One new treadmill is expected to cost around \$5,000.

"Milligan relies on donations," said Danielle Booth, director of student life, resident director of Hart and faculty advisor for Social Affairs. "More than

anything, for the students, it is a broader sense of giving back to your community."

Currently the fieldhouse holds seven NordicTracks, two treadmills, six exercise bikes, one step machine, one ski machine and two power riders. All the machines are older and unorganized.

"I feel uncomfortable in it right now, and it doesn't appeal to me to exercise in it," said freshman Tori Gronewald. "If it's more available and more appealing it would be used more. We could all use more fitness in our lives."

Garbe said the room will be cleaned up drastically. Other renovations to the fitness room will include new equipment, new lights and hopefully, a radio.

Social Affairs selects the project for the matching grant every January for the campus area they feel needs the most improvement.

Some other areas that were considered for renovations were additional improvements to SUB 7, and an additional television area behind the fireplace in the Fireside room.

Garbe and Booth both said they hope that students will get involved with this project, since it will benefit them.

Last year was the inaugural year of the program. The program sponsored renovations to SUB 7. Clarinda Jeanes, wife of President Don Jeanes, and the summer restoration crew completed the work.



This year's matching grant project, sponsored by Social Affairs and the alumni office, will give the fitness center in the Fieldhouse with a face-lift. Last year's project helped raise funds for the renovation of SUB 7.

-Photo by Jason Harville

Enrollment at Milligan expected to rise for Fall 2003

Erin Blasinski
Managing Editor

New student enrollment for the fall 2003 semester is expected to be 13 percent higher from fall 2002 and five percent higher than fall 2001, said David Mee, vice president for enrollment management.

The goal for new students admissions is 260, which includes freshmen, transfer or former students.

"To date, our enrollment deposits for

admitted students for fall 2003 have been running ahead, and we are optimistic that our rather ambitious goal is indeed achievable," said Mee.

May 1 is the National Candidate Reply Date and will be a "pulse-taking" day for Milligan because the college will find out who will be attending in the fall.

At last week's board meeting, Mee said that the admissions counseling staff has been setting two-week goals for getting deposits from students who want

to commit to entering Milligan in the fall. He also noted a decrease in the number of students who cancel deposits from around 24 percent in previous years compared to just eight percent this year.

Mee credits the rising new student enrollment to increased communication with prospective students from the admissions staff.

"We have continued to refine the ways we communicate with prospective students and believe that activities such as

Connections-New Student Orientation are very important in affecting new student growth," said Mee.

Mee noted the projection for returning students in fall 2003 was 443 and "anything above this level will exceed our retention projection." Fall 2002 freshman retention rate was around 72 percent. Milligan's institutional goal aims for reaching 80 percent in the near future.

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News

From the wire

New Palestinian government faces challenges: On Tuesday night in Ramallah, the Palestinian parliament overwhelmingly voted to confirm the proposed new government, following remarks made by Palestine prime minister Mahmoud Abbas as he condemned terrorism and called for peace with Israel. This vote of approval is paving the way for U.S. help in negotiating a three-year peace plan between Palestine and Israel, which would provide for the creation of a Palestinian state and "comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace." Around 1 a.m., a suicide bomber blew himself up near a seaside pub, killing at least two other people and wounding around 30. Although the bombing may not have been in protest of the new government, a New York Times article commented that the action "graphically expressed the challenge facing Mr. Abbas." Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman David Saranga, who was at the bombing scene said, "The Palestinian Authority cannot talk peace by day, and not combat terrorism by night. The new Palestinian government will be judged by the international community by its actions, not by statements."

U.S. troops withdraw from Saudi Arabia: The United States announced on Tuesday that all American combat forces would be leaving Saudi Arabia by this summer, leaving only a training program of 400 to 500 troops behind. The military force moved into the country more than a decade ago as an effort to contain Saddam Hussein after the Persian Gulf War in 1991. A contributing factor to this move may also be the tension between the U.S. military presence in the country and terrorist resentment. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said, "It is now a safer region because of the change of regime in Iraq. The aircraft and those involved will now be able to leave." Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz denied asking for the removal of the troops, but acknowledged that "as long as their operation is over, they will leave."

Fraudulent spam may lead to jail time: This week, Virginia passed a law to take action against unsolicited bulk e-mail, or spam, that is sent by fraudulent means, with violators facing possible felony charges. Action could be taken against those sending falsified spam to or from the state, which is the base of several major Internet providers, including America Online.

According to a New York Times article, "Those found guilty of sending more than 10,000 such deceptive e-mail messages in one day would be subject to a prison term of one to five years and forfeiture of profits and assets connected with these activities." The Internet industry estimates that spam constitutes around one-half of all e-mail sent, and a Federal Trade Commission report claimed that two-thirds of spam is sent with a misleading subject line or false return addresses.

Virginia Governor Mark R. Warner said that the new law could have a significant decrease of spam because one-half of all Internet traffic goes through the state of Virginia.

-Compiled by Paige Wassel with information from the New York Times.

Men's golf puts second place in tourney

Becky Waruszewski
Reporter

The men's golf team took second place at the Appalachian Athletic Conference/Region XII Championship golf tournament April 13-15.

Five golfers played for each team in the tournament at the Cattails Meadowview Golf Club in Kingsport. According to the press release, Milligan shot a 54 hole 937, just eight strokes behind Union College for second place in the conference.

In the first round, Milligan broke a 1994 school record of 311 with a score of 306. The record was set at Paris Landing Park Golf Course in the NAIA District 24 tournament in 1994.

Schools competing in this year's tournament included: Brescia University, Union College, Bethel College, Brevard College, Tennessee Wesleyan College, King College, Montreat College, UVA-Wise, Bluefield College and Virginia Intermont College.

Milligan held a one-stroke lead after

the first 36 holes, but fell behind tournament winner Brescia University.

"I think we played well," said junior Michael Morrell. "I think we could have played better, but we had a good effort."

Two players from the Milligan team, senior Blake Stewart and junior Michael Morrell, made the AAC All-Conference Team, which was composed of the top ten players from the conference. Morrell was part of the team last year, but did not see much playing time.

"It was the first year I really played. It was nice to get an award."

"I'm more of a basketball player, but I really started to take golf more seriously this year," said Morrell.

Stewart finished with a score of 227 and placed in the top five of the conference tournament. Morrell finished in eighth place with a score of 234.

The five Buffalo golfers who participated in this tournament were seniors Blake Stewart, Todd Munsey, Jesse Boyd and juniors Nelson Caudill and Michael Morrell.

"I think we could have played better, but we had a good effort."
-Michael Morrell



Senior Blake Stewart finished in the top five of the tournament in the conference. This picture was taken on a golf course in Miami, Fla.

-Photo contributed by Blake Stewart

Tony Wallingford coaches the men's golf team, which is comprised of eleven members this year. This year's season consisted of five tournaments.

Coaches reflect on seasons

MILLIGAN SOFTBALL, BASEBALL, TENNIS AND BASKETBALL COACHES

DISCUSS THIS YEAR'S SEASONS AS WELL AS NEXT YEAR'S PROSPECTS

Information compiled by Managing Editor Erin Blasinski.

Q. Overall, how pleased are you with your team's play this past season?

A. Holly - softball: Overall I was very pleased with the season, we finished 24-15 and 20-8 in the AAC. Considering we had three starters hurt for the season, we had a very good year.

A. Clark - baseball: I would like to have finished first, but second is not too bad. I am happy about the 11 seniors graduating this spring.

A. Aubrey - men's tennis: Overall, I would have to say I am pleased with our team's performance. We won the matches that we should have won.

Q. What were the team's goals this season? Were they as successful as you had hoped? Why?

A. Wallingford - men's basketball: With 10 new players joining our squad at the beginning of the season, we expected a slower start. Our goal was to make a solid run in the conference second semester. We finished 5th of 12 in the conference and again, improved with each game.

A. Aubrey - women's basketball: One of our main goals was to try to qualify for the National Tournament. We were not able to accomplish that, but I think our players are well aware of the fact that this was a very successful season.

A. Holly - softball: Our goal of course was to finish first or second in the season but with the key injuries, we finished third in standings and need to finish in the top three in the tournament this week in Athens, Tenn. to qualify for the NAIA Regional Tournament.

Q. Are there any players that played exceptionally well and went over and above your expectations?

A. Aubrey - men's tennis: Three players had encouraging seasons for us. Patrick Mitchell moved up and played #1 singles and doubles in his sophomore season. He was chosen to be a member of the conference's All-Sportsman team as well. Brock Hughston returned after not playing last season. He played #2 singles and #1 doubles and had a solid year as well. Finally, Joe Westerman, our only senior, had a solid year. Joe has been our captain for two years and has been an important person in helping us start what we hope to be a new era in the history of our men's tennis program.

A. Clark - baseball: I thought Ben Whittemore had a good year, also Scott Shealy got to set a lot of Milligan career records this year.

A. Holly - softball: Brandy Waddle has done an exceptional good job this year. In essence, Brandy has carried our team this year and I am very proud of her. We lose seven seniors, Andrea Henriott, Rebecca Dawson, Alyson Bowman, Carissa Ellis, Jenny Trompover, Sarah Steele and Ashley Fine, and they have all done an excellent job playing for Milligan. I will really miss all of them.

A. Glover - women's tennis: As expected, Cassie Lomison played extremely well all year. Cheri Lomison was much improved from last season. She and Cassie closed out the year winning the conference championship at number one doubles. Amy Vincent may have been the most improved player on the team. Myra O'Dell also improved and played with more confidence as the season progressed. Sara Wallingford is the tennis equivalent to a basketball gym rat. I'm not sure anyone

works harder on their game.

Q. What are you looking forward to for next year's team?

A. Wallingford - men's basketball: We're excited about next season. We have 10 players returning, all of which gained valuable experience and became better players in our system. We have added a few new members to our team through recruiting this spring that will help us achieve our goal of contending for the conference title.

A. Aubrey - women's basketball: I am looking forward to building on all that we accomplished this season.

A. Aubrey - men's tennis: I am looking forward to blending some incoming recruits with some of our returning players to have a strong team next year.

A. Clark - baseball: I will bring in a lot of new faces. I have signed 11 already and still need four to five more players.

A. Holly - softball: With our eight returning players and the new recruits I have already signed, I think we will be a very good team next year.

A. Glover - women's tennis: If we can add two solid players that can compete at or near the top of our line-up, I expect us to contend for a title again next year. But even though this year's team were not champions, they'll be special to me in ways that are far more important than tennis titles.

For more news.
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Opinion

Developing relationships is what matters;
senior reflects on college friendships

Alison Waters
Reporter



A good friend of mine once told me that he realized that if the only thing he left here with was his diploma, then he would be a failure.

Even though I was never a Girl Scout, I wholeheartedly agree that people should work hard to leave something better than they found it; and that doesn't include it being better for your absence!

When you spend a significant amount of time at a place or with someone, an invisible exchange takes place, a transfer that is often initially unperceivable. A little part of you is left behind for someone else to pick up, and you will carry impressions you have collected with you forever.

At the end of that time, you leave behind a legacy, and you will take one with you. Every person leaves a legacy, and a large part of that legacy stems from a person's reputation, which I believe is a reflection of a person's character.

Abraham Lincoln said, "Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing."

Even though it is useless to worry about others' opinions of you, you can control the choices you make and the actions you take, from which they are based. These choices can be big, small, private or public. The sum total of these choices, whatever they are, produce the character reflected in your reputation.

King Solomon tells us in Proverbs that "a good name is to be more desired than great riches."

One of the biggest choices that affect both your reputation and your character are the relationships that you create with the people around you. They will have a profound effect on your life, whether you realize it or not.

With them, you will create your most vivid memories. When you come into contact with people, impressions are made; the only question you need to ask is what kind of impression?

There is a man that I see every week, usually at least once a day. I can't recall when I met him for the first time. When he sees me, he calls out my name and smiles,

and always has an encouraging word to share. I've come back to see him so many times that I don't even have to tell him what I want anymore. His name is Ed Hertzog, but I call him "the Wrap Man" and he calls me "the Tomato Lady."

He makes me my usual a tomato wrap with turkey, a little bit of cheese and lots of tomatoes. He asks about my day and he tells me about his grandkids. Most likely he has served you something good in the cafeteria, if nothing more than his heartfelt smile. If you do not know this man, then you are missing out. I am sure that he has no idea about the many times he has made my day, or the lasting impression he has made on my life.

The combination of the impact you have had on others and that they have on you - however big or small - will be the essence of the legacy that you leave.

I may graduate without ever being on the Dean's List, or being athlete or photo-journalist of the year, but if I have invested my life in worthwhile things and relationships, then that is something that I consider worth leaving behind.

"One of the biggest choices that affect both your reputation and your character are the relationships that you create with the people around you."

-Alison Waters

Lyons discusses Rick Simerly's music

Information compiled by Paige Wassel

Associate Professor of Music Rick Simerly recently released a new jazz trombone CD entitled, "Obscure." Stephanie Lyons, one of his students, talks about his work.

- Q: How do you know Mr. Simerly?**
A: He was my junior high band director and he also worked with my high school band, and then he followed me to Milligan. This will be my second year of taking french horn lessons with him.
- Q: How have you followed his music career?**
A: He plays at the Coffee Company several times a year in Elizabethton, and I usually try to make it to those concerts. Plus, I own two of his CDs.
- Q: What do you think of his music?**
A: I think it's great. It's very unique. He has his own style of playing that I can tell apart from any other jazz trombonist I've heard.
- Q: What strengths do you think Mr. Simerly offers to Milligan?**
A: It's obvious to anyone who heard the jazz band play recently how incredible they are. There wouldn't be any way for us to have an ensemble of that caliber without his instruction.

-Stephanie Lyons is a junior biology major. She participates in Milligan Brass Ensemble, Pep Band and the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra

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Opinion

Take time to develop real relationships at Milligan

Jennifer Soucie
Copy Editor



I came to this Christian college four years ago...but why did I come here? I'm graduating in a matter of days and I don't have a clear vision of what God has in store for my life.

But I've recently learned that being uncertain about the future is okay. Trusting God fully for direction is the key. Whenever I panic about my lack of definite plans then turn to rely on God once again, He places opportunities in my lap that remind me that He is taking care of me in His own timing.

Just this week, I was reminded of the words in James 4:14-15. "Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'"

Please don't misunderstand what I'm trying to convey. I'm not advocating throwing all life plans out the window like

dirty bathwater, but I do encourage you to consider non-traditional venues for your skills.

For those traditional students, what other time in your life do have utter freedom to accept an opportunity that you may be unable to pursue later on? God has exciting things in store for our lives! Take the plunge and you will grow immensely from the experience.

Continue your progression towards a diploma, but at the same time, imagine the possibilities that God is handing you.

Whether you have three years until graduation or you are counting down the hours, take not just a moment, but time each day to appreciate all that Milligan has to offer. So often, I fail to slow down from my frantic pace and spend time with people, building relationships. I encourage you not to make that same mistake.

We can never gain back these years. The lessons learned and memories will

stay with us for a lifetime. The friendships developed during this time of transition in our lives are with people who understand what we are going through.

For five years throughout high school and college I collected scraps and signs and I made a giant decompose wall collage that hangs in my room. One of these signs I cut from a college ad and reads, "In four years, you won't recognize yourself." I pasted the sign into the collage two years ago and it rings more true each time I look at it.

After being known as quiet and shy in high school, I flourished at Milligan and will be forever grateful I've developed new interests and skills that I attribute to God's workmanship in my life.

These changes are possible because God works through the Milligan College community. I consider the relationships that you build with peers, faculty, staff, community and church members to be the

key to an amazing college experience.

I've appreciated all the time, the professor and advisor have directed me into their homes for dinner and fellowship. Both of my residence advisors have become not just friends of mine, but roommates. I began at the dorm room and developed more deeply through these relationships. Their insight and encouragement have proved invaluable as I pursue my God-given dreams.

The friendships I've developed have been a comfort and a source of strength in times of trouble and a firm foundation for the future God requires. These relationships have brought me through everything at Milligan, from freshmen to seniors.

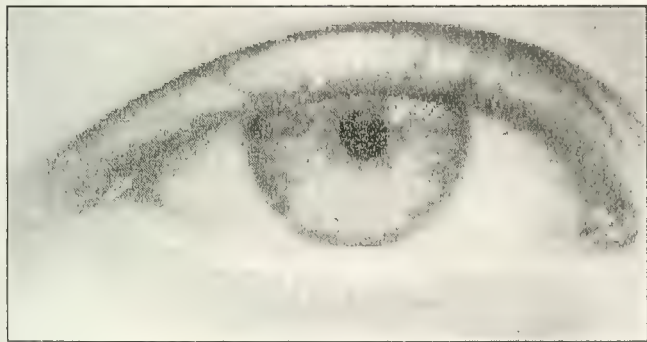
I took the late night walk home alone when security had been at a minimum, to volunteering to be the first taped to the wall for an evening. These years have been unique and utterly irreplaceable. When I look back at my years here, I don't find it hard to recall the grades I earned on papers and tests. Rather I cherish the time spent in the dorm acting silly with friends and the deep conversations held in the twilight.

God has a plan for your life. Just trust Him fully and He will give you what you need to make it through each situation.

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-Jennifer Soucie

Eyes of Influence



-Photo by Dinah DeFord

Jason Harville

Photography Editor

Milligan College teaches students many things. During my four years here I have learned various important things such as pop can also be called soda or coke. A toboggan can be called a stocking cap. Stocking cap? Who came up with that? I have been taught how to use my talents in the worlds of photography and business, but is that what Milligan really taught me?

At the beginning of my photography career, someone told me that photographers have lives of their own. This is something that has stuck with me ever since. A photograph can be created successfully in an instant, the same way a baby enters the world in a brief moment. The life of that photograph can be short-lived, however. A person might look at that photograph and never care to see it again. Many people look at photographs but never look into them and look at people but do not really see, or show the compassion to care.

People have asked me how a photographer sees differently than everybody else. The answer is this: don't just look at people or at the world you live in. Look into the lives of the people and the world we live in and photograph what you see there and in my mind, you will be a true photographer.

The world is full of people; there-

fore we are put in contact with people every day. The famous saying "it's not personal, it's business" has no validity in my mind. The personal side of both photography and business is what will remain after the memories of my college years have started to fade away.

Students, faculty: what are my words of wisdom? Create personal relationships with everybody. Apply this to whatever major you are pursuing and life--these things are very personal. Jesus, the light of the world, came and became the most personal human that ever walked this earth. Whether I am taking photographs or discussing advertising campaigns I leave part of me with those I come in contact with.

The opposite is also true. It may have only been a friendly hello or hours spent working together on projects, but the exchange of influence always takes place. Just look a person in the eyes and talk to them. Make real contact. You will see into their heart and soul. I am a strong believer that you look into a person's work and you will see the same. The trick to this is to take the time to see.

What is in store for my life? God only knows, but I have one promise I will keep. I will keep my eyes focused ahead on the next person, which will undoubtedly influence my life, making eye contact with the world around me.

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THE STAMPEDE SURVEY

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4. What do you feel is the strongest aspect of *The Stampede*?
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Derbick Hall until May 9.

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News

Nursing faculty votes to eliminate some classes

Tori Watts

Reporter

Junior nursing major Anita Cannon said, "They could probably replace it with something more useful, maybe break pharmacology into two semesters." "Personally it didn't help me," said Kristen Mitchell, a sophomore nursing major. "And I know of nurses who wonder why it's in the nursing program." The process of adding or removing a class begins at the academic area level. The nursing faculty voted to remove these classes from the schedule. The next step is approval from an academic committee. Freshman nursing major, Richard Kenny said, "[Inorganic and organic chemistry are] challenging but I really do think it's going to prepare us. It is applicable to what we are going to run into in the medical field." No final decision concerning these classes has been reached at this time.

Webb Hall resident director resigns, accepts associate minister position

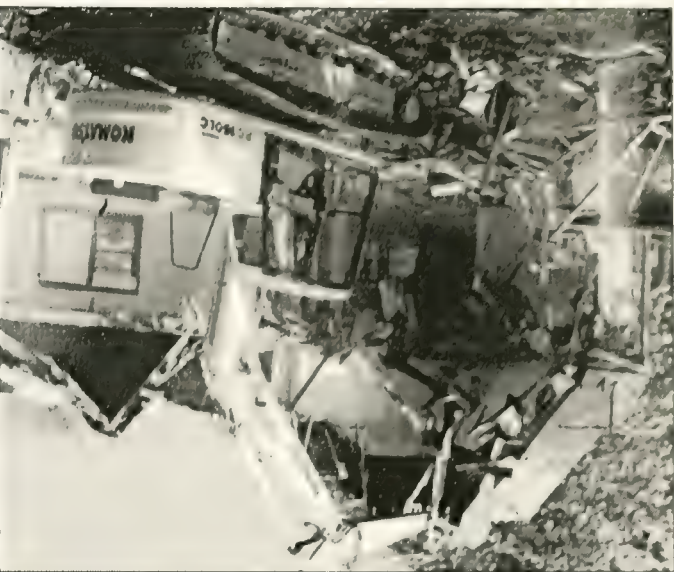
Jacque Patterson

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Scott Wakefield, resident director of Webb Hall, is resigning after this semester and may be replaced by 2002 Milligan graduate Andy Stoots. Wakefield recently accepted the Associate Minister position at First Christian Church in Greenville, Tenn., and because of the long commute, will no longer be able to serve as Resident Director of Webb. "This is a change in tactic for [my family and I], as we came to Webb plan-ning to do school full-time to finish faster and go on to doctorate-level top notch guys," said Wakefield. "I think the residents' positive attitudes toward them reflect this." Andy Stoots, currently the apartment manager and the assistant men's soccer coach, may accept the position in the fall, but is still undecided.

Enrollment expected to rise continued

"Early indications from class registrants are currently enrolled in classes for the fall semester. Projections for fall enrollment, as reported at the board meeting by Mee, are 653 undergraduates and 787 total graduate and undergraduate students.



The great house next to the road behind Guillen Hall was demolished Wednesday morning. -Photo by Jason Harville

SGA open forum focuses on open communication

NEW SGA PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR BEGINS WORK

Abby Conley

Reporter

On April 23, SGA held an open forum as an "opportunity for the campus to come and express [its] views," said newly elected president Andrew Hopper. Topics discussed were connections with the faculty and administration, but expression of frustration to SGA, bringing more speakers to campus, returning students mentoring incoming students, student expectations of SGA and how to get commuters involved on campus. Although only three students not affiliated with SGA attended, Hopper was still pleased. "[We] count it a success because we have four pages of new ideas," said Hopper. This was the first SGA open forum to the best of Hopper's knowledge. One of the dominant topics at the forum was how SGA can be connected with the student body. Several ideas were generated to resolve this problem, such as occasional resident assistant meetings, more open forums, more discussion groups and ensuring that students are aware of who their student representatives are. In making plans for the forum, rising vice president Rachel Cunningham noted a desire to focus more on spiritual aspects. "SGA as a body needs to be representing the ideal," said Cunningham. "One possible avenue for this is a continuation of the mentor program informed, he said. Geary said that SGA wants to solve the problems they discussed, but in reality, the problems are not SGA's responsibility. Instead, students don't care to be informed, he said. Geary said that SGA wants to solve the problems they discussed, but in reality, the problems are not SGA's responsibility. Instead, students don't care to be informed, he said. Geary said that SGA wants to solve the problems they discussed, but in reality, the problems are not SGA's responsibility. Instead, students don't care to be informed, he said.



Nursing student Knisi Parker does a physical health assessment in the nursing lab. -Photo by Jason Harville

Congratulations...
Virginia Alison Waters
We are so proud of you and your accomplishments during your four years at Milligan. It will be exciting to watch and see what the Lord has in store for you now...
Love,
Dad, Mom, Leslie, Lindsey, Jeff & Duke

Features

Basketball player a servant leader on and off court: teammates say Robb is 'one of a kind'

Jennifer Soucie
Copy Editor

You'll see this dedicated member of the Milligan women's basketball team raise her hand to give encouraging "high fives" to each player who returns to the bench or jogs to the court to face her opponents. She lifts up each member of the team in injuries and personal triumphs through her kind words and actions. She said her coaches tell her that they need her to be an encourager on the team.

Although Patty Robb doesn't play in every game with the Lady Buffaloes, she has devoted her four years of athletics at Milligan College to the basketball team.

As a human performance and exercise science major with a minor in psychology, she helps her teammates when they practice five on five.

"It's just a matter of being there and working hard. Even the best players, if they don't have someone to play against, it's not going to do them any good," she said.

Many athletes would become discouraged at their lack of playing time. However, Robb said she stuck with the team because of the close relationships she developed with coaches and teammates.

"Everybody has a role. I sat the bench a lot. Sometimes I did get to play and sometimes I helped," Patty said.

This senior from Rockville, Ind., is a Godly example for the campus and never has a harsh word for others.

"Patty is a servant leader. She is enthusiastic and an encourager even when she is down. She is a friend to everybody. She is very personal with all the players and she makes even the freshmen who are sitting on the bench feel special on and off the court," said senior Ann Brooke McCall, who played on the basketball team with Patty for two years.

Patty said that her coaches, Rich Aubrey, adjunct instructor of education and coach of women's basketball and men's tennis, and Chris Reynolds, assistant coach, have taught her that work ethic, discipline and time management are more important than basketball.

Senior Kristin Kerkvile said, "One of the greatest assets she brings to the team is her faithfulness and her passion for the game and her servant attitude. Endlessly at practices and games, she's an encouragement."

Patty said the women's team had a successful record during her freshman year. When the Lady Buffaloes were up by 20 to 30 points, Aubrey subbed her into the game for two to three minute stretches towards the end of the second half.

The following year, the team's record wasn't as strong. When games were close, Robb didn't play. For a one month stretch, the team played every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. For these 10 to 12 games out of the 30 season games, Robb didn't get any playing time. Yet she stuck with the team.

Her junior year, the Lady Buffaloes'

record still wasn't as strong as her freshman year. She gained a little more playing time throughout the season, still playing in two to three minute stretches.

However, during this, her senior year, Patty improved her shooting. Several players were injured at the beginning of the season, granting Robb more play time. This year, she played in nearly every game of the season.

"I wasn't going to help the team as much as the girl next to me," she said. "It's not about me. It's about the big picture, about people on the team."

Although she isn't satisfied with her level of playing ability, Robb said she is learning to be content though her heart wants her to be better. She learned aggressiveness this season, which translated into confidence and better shooting.

Aubrey said, "I was really pleased that during her senior year, Patty was able to have an increased role on the floor. Even if that hadn't happened, her impact on the basketball team would still have been valuable."

Robb said sometimes while sitting on the bench, she desperately wanted to play. But from the side lines, she prayed that God would change her attitude. Patty said she didn't want to play in games at the expense of a loss when she knew that a teammate would do a better job.

As Patty Robb graduates in a few days, remember that although she may seem quiet, her encouraging words and actions speak much louder.

The encouragement bestowed upon her classmates and teammates over the past four years will soon be redirected. Following graduation, she will return to work at the Christian Children's Home of Ohio in Wooster, where she interned last



Patty enjoys spending time with Jordyr Reynolds, 3 1/2 daughter of Peter and Chris Reynolds, who is Milligan's assistant women's basketball coach.

-Photo contributed by Patty Robb

summer. She will work full-time with team-building activities and a high school course.

Encouraging people on the campus course, she helps youth groups and adult groups gain confidence and overcome fears.

Continuing in her own tradition, Patty plans to return to Milligan and enter the Master of Occupational Therapy program. She loves helping people rebuild lost skills. Last fall, she completed an internship at Quillen Rehab in Johnson City.

Aubrey said, "One of her teammates described her as one who is usually willing to put others first. Anytime you have a person who represents your school and your program as well as she does, that's an asset. She's one of a kind."

Philip Rotich places third in competition at French Caribbean, considers Olympic tryouts

Alison Waters
Reporter

Eight hundred meters. That's the same as 2,460 feet, which is one-half of a mile. Senior Philip Rotich can run that far in less than one minute and 47 seconds.

This qualified him for the Grand Prix II Meet 2003 in the French Caribbean last week. On April 23, this Kenyan native departed from Milligan for Martinique to participate in this international event.

Top runners from the United States, Portugal, Kenya, France and Burundi represented their countries in Martinique, including former world record holder Maurice Green from the United States.

Philip's event, the 800 meter, was held on April 26, and he came in third place.

"I got third place out of 10 people in the race, all of them world-class or professional athletes," he said.

Philip learned about Milligan through a friend and fellow runner, who also attended school in the United States. His friend is a friend of Milligan's cross country and track coach, Chris Layne.

Philip also considered attending Arkansas State University, Oklahoma State University, Liberty University and others.

"I wanted a school that would help me spiritually. Milligan was the only one that qualified, and it definitely has [helped]."

Graduating in nine days with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems, he is also entertaining thoughts of graduate school.

However, regarding his immediate plans following



-Photo by Alison Waters

graduation, this runner will fly home to his family as fast as he can, once he raises the money for a plane ticket.

"I must go home first to see my family," he said.

Philip and his wife, Petroline, will celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary in November of this year, but have spent almost half of that time separated. When Philip left for the United States on a student visa in August 2001, his daughter, Faith, was 9 months old. He has not seen Faith or Petroline since.

Philip is considering going to graduate school for something related to the ministry.

"I'd really like to work with a ministry. I feel called to serve," he said. "But I am still praying about the whole thing."

Philip uses his time running to pray and to praise God. He said that after running the first couple of miles, he doesn't even feel like he is running anymore.

Only a few races away from being considered a professional runner, he has been trying to participate in as many races as possible.

Following his successes in Martinique, Philip said he will leave for the French Caribbean on May 6 for a race in Guadalupe and return on May 9, just in time for graduation.

Another possibility on the horizon for this runner is the Olympic trials, although he is unsure because of the required time commitment.

To participate in the Olympic trials in Kenya, he takes quite some time and effort," Philip said. "I'm not sure if I have the time to train well, because I have so many other commitments, like work and school work."

"I'd really like to work with a ministry. I feel called to serve. But I am still praying about the whole thing."

-Philip Rotich

Graduation Weekend
Schedule of Events

Friday, May 9

Noon-3 p.m.: Pizza Party in the SUB
3-5 p.m.: Graduation Rehearsal in Seeger Chapel

Saturday, May 10

7-8 p.m.: Senior Program in Seeger Chapel
Snacks to follow
11 p.m.: Bonfire and Smores in the gravel lot behind Hopwood Memorial Church

Sunday, May 11

10 a.m.: Baccalaureate in Seeger Chapel
Noon-1 p.m.: Graduation picnic lunch in the cafeteria \$5 for adults; \$2.50 for kids
2 p.m.: Commencement in Seeger Chapel

One Act Photos:

- 1 Chorus member Lindsey Vogt portrays a possible death await-
- ing those who offend Medea.
- 2 As Medea Stephanie Troyer explains the trials of her life in the spoils of a Greek tragedy
- 3 The Spectrum Six cannot agree on which color is most important to the world
- 4 Kristen Seeger, the angel, tells Stephanie Troyer, Medea, good-bye from the Greek gods
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Final Exam Schedule
Spring 2003

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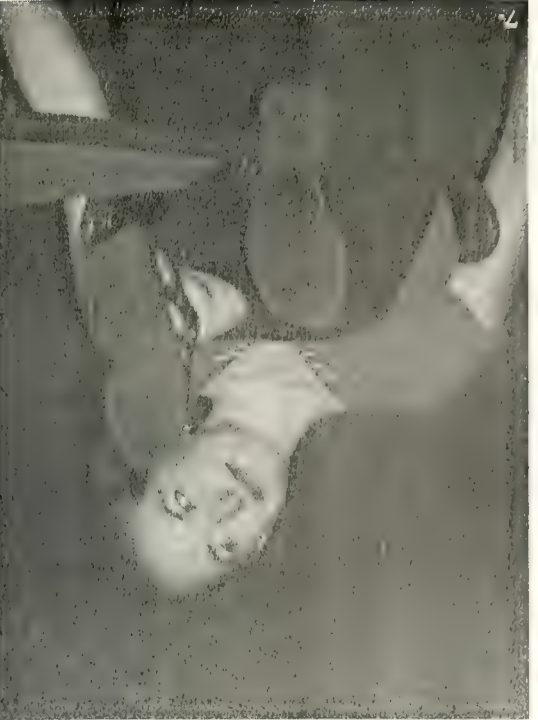
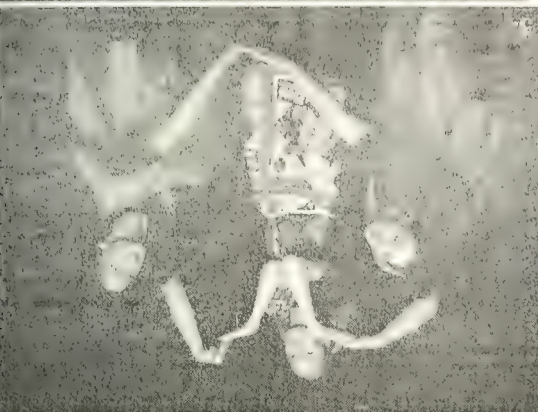
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'Cole' brings song, dance to SUB 7

Paige E. Wassel

Editor-in-Chief

Tonight, "anything goes" with the Milligan production of "Cole," a musical revue based on the life and music of Cole Porter.

After five weeks of song and dance rehearsal, the ten-member cast will take the stage at 8 p.m. to tell the life story of Broadway composer Cole Porter. The show runs Sept. 25 to 27.

"The cast is wonderful," producer and director Jennifer Schmidt said. "They've worked so hard."

The cast includes: Milligan students Cara Estep, Stephanie Lyons, April Martin, Missie Mills, Caitlin Smith, Sara Wallingford and Donnie Wallingford. Bluff City, Tenn., residents Gary Smith, Travis Thompson and Russell Thompson are also featured in the show. Milligan students Russ Roberts, Josh Ramos, Zach Leonard and Karyn Smithson make up the supporting cast.

Senior Cara Estep said, "It's come together really well, especially since we've only had a month to practice."

Schmidt said she was asked to do a show at Milligan by Richard Major, professor of theater, over a year ago. She said she first worked with Major as a freshman when he was a student director on the Milligan production of "Camelot" in 1977. Major is currently on sabbatical for this calendar year. Although this is her first time to direct a musical revue, Schmidt was a drama minor while she was a Milligan student and has worked in community theater for over 20 years.

Schmidt said that she chose "Cole" because she was familiar with Cole Porter's songs, which she performs with a local group called Sophisticates.

Porter's music spanned the decades of



Missie Mills, Stephanie Lyons, Cara Estep and Sara Wallingford sing about life as Yale cheerleaders in "Cole." This musical revue tells the life story of Cole Porter through song, dance and narration.

Photo by Hannah Bader

the 1920s to the 1950s. "Cole" features the performance of such well-known Porter songs as "Anything Goes," "Be a Clown," "I Love Paris," "I Get a Kick out of You," "It's De-lovely" and "Night and Day."

"I enjoy the variety of songs that he wrote," senior Stephanie Lyons said. "It allows us to play a variety of roles and with that comes different moods, costumes and styles of dances. I go from being a cheerleader to being a flapper in a span of about ten minutes."

The music in "Cole" will be performed by a quintet led by Rick Simerly, associate professor of music. Local musicians featured in the quintet include Robert Jeter on piano, Fred Goodwin on bass, Kelly Scollin playing trumpet and Eddie Dalton on percussion.

"(Porter's songs are) considered standards in American music and have been recorded and performed by many of the great music artists, both singers and

instrumentalists, of our time," Simerly said. "Cole Porter is without a doubt one of America's greatest tunesmiths and this production will showcase some of his greatest compositions."

Schmidt said that the last 20 years of Porter's life were full of pain, but he was still able to find joy through music. She thought that those who see the show could appreciate this lesson.

"I want them to come away humming a tune, singing a song," Schmidt said.

Guggenheim winner holds exhibit at Milligan

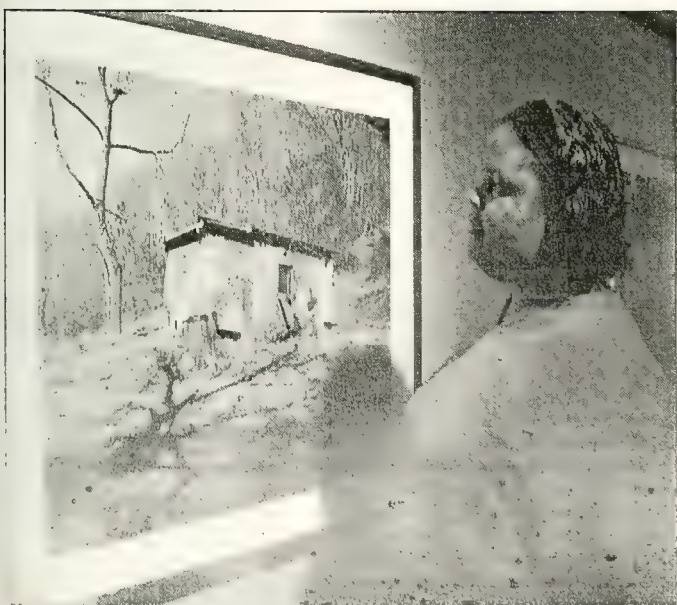


Photo by Paige Wassel

Junior Danisha Bethune studies "Carter County, TN 2001" by ETSU professor of photography Mike Smith. His exhibit, "Color Photographs of Eastern Tennessee," is on display in the Milligan College Art Gallery in lower Derthick Hall until October 10.

Paige E. Wassel

Editor-in-Chief

On Monday night, nearly forty people gathered to hear ETSU professor of photography Mike Smith discuss his photos of East Tennessee and Appalachia that are currently on display in the Milligan College Art Gallery.

"My interest in photography has always been to photograph where I'm at," Smith said.

Alice Anthony, assistant professor of art at Milligan, said that she arranged for the show because Smith had been her teacher at ETSU, and she thought it would be good for her students to see his work. Anthony said that she enjoys the colors in Smith's pictures as well as his use of light and shadows.

"I like the way he takes a very familiar subject matter and uses every detail to make it his own," Smith said.

Smith has been a professor at ETSU since 1991. He has been a Guggenheim Fellow and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellow. He has also been a resident artist at the Milligan College Art Gallery.

Smith said his intent was not to commercialize East Tennessee, and that he

thought his pictures revealed a "telling resourcefulness" in the way the subjects were put together aesthetically.

Sarah Daasch, a sophomore fine arts major, attended the talk.

"I thought that he had made it clear that he wasn't trying to exploit the area, but he was trying to show it in a loving way," Daasch said.

After finishing graduate course work at Yale University, Smith began teaching at ETSU in the department of Art & Design in 1981. The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation awarded him a fellowship in 2001 to pursue his own photography.

Smith's photos have been exhibited by the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, and the Whitney Museum of Art in New York. He has also been a resident artist at the Milligan College Art Gallery, which is located in the lower level of Derthick Hall.

News

From the Wire

Bush receives cold welcome at the United Nations: On Tuesday, President George W. Bush appeared before the United Nations to offer no apologies for the invasion of Iraq. He said that the Security Council had the right to demand that Iraq destroy their illegal weapons, as well as the right to force them to comply with this request. Furthermore, Bush said that the United States had defended "the credibility of the United Nations." The world leaders listening to his speech seemed skeptical of Bush's arguments, according to a New York Times article. President Jacques Chirac of France gave a speech reinforcing France's opposition to the war, calling the divisions over the war a great threat to "multilateral institutions like the United Nations in modern times." The role of the United Nations in helping establish a new government in Baghdad also remained a topic of debate. Although Bush suggested that the United Nations would provide "assistance in developing a constitution, democratic institutions, and holding elections," it seemed clear that this role would not be expanded to the degree that countries such as France would like.

California prepared to ban spam: California's solution to blocking junk e-mail may soon be to ban it altogether. On Tuesday, Gov. Gray Davis signed a bill into law that would make it illegal to send "most commercial e-mails to anyone in the state who has not explicitly requested them." This is the broadest law of any of the 35 laws now in place to monitor spam. According to a New York Times article, "The law, which also prohibits companies inside the state from sending unsolicited e-mail to anyone outside the state, imposes fines of \$1,000 for each message, up to \$1 million for each campaign." The law also makes it possible for people to file private lawsuits to be taken up by the plaintiff's lawyers, even if state prosecutors are unable to pursue a case. Marketers, however, are skeptical that the law will be effective in blocking spam with objectionable subject lines that are usually relayed through foreign computers. The law should go into place on Jan. 1. Opponents say the law may be seen as "an unconstitutional interference with interstate commerce."

Teenager's death sparks debate over abortion pill: Last week, Holly Patterson, 18, died in a hospital in Pleasanton, Calif., just days after taking "abortion pills," also for early pregnancy. An autopsy is currently underway to determine the exact cause of death. Wendy Wright, senior policy director at Concerned Women of America, said that this outcome was predicted by their organization and they have recommended that this pill, mifepristone, be taken off the market. Ron Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, said that this reaction was typical and pointed out that the cause of death is still unclear. The drug has been tested with some adverse reactions, but it has also been shown to be "safe and effective," according to sources that point to its use by more than 160,000 American women in the past three years.

Compiled by Paige Wessert with information from the New York Times

Men's soccer team improves record



Junior midfielder Ali Mohamed passes the ball to junior midfielder Greg Hochstetter in the Sept. 17 game against Warren Wilson.

J. Ann Tipton
Copy Editor

After picking up two wins and the championship at the Ohio Dominican Tournament two weekends ago, the men's soccer team continued their winning streak by defeating Warren Wilson 5-2 on Sept. 17.

Junior midfielder Ali Mohamed made the first goal on a penalty kick to put

Milligan up 1-0, the only score for either side in the first half. Junior midfielder Alex Kimani led the Buffaloes with two goals.

Kimani's first goal of the game was the 700th goal in Milligan men's soccer history. Junior forward Gabe Hillman scored off of an assist by senior fullback Brian Okumu during the 53rd minute of play. Senior forward Philip Brock scored the team's final goal with nine minutes left

in the game.

The team played in their second conference match against Bryan College on Saturday where they lost 1-2.

Coach Marty Suter said that Milligan is one of about four teams that are fighting for the top spot in the AACC.

There are two teams that are meeting themselves at the top, Virginia International and Bryan College said. "It was a tough loss on Saturday against Bryan. If we could've won, we would've been in a better position in the conference. We will continue to take it one game at a time."

Bryan scored early in the game to make the score 1-1 until Hillman scored on an assist from senior forward Eric Spoto late in the first half. It was the Buffaloes' only score of the evening.

Milligan faced off against WAC team Brevard on Tuesday at home. The Buffaloes scored all six of their goals in the first half and held their opponent to only one.

Mohamed scored half of the team's goals for the hat trick.

The Buffaloes' overall record is now 7-3 and they are 2-1 in the AAC.

The team will be back in action on Saturday when they travel to Lookout Mountain, Ga. to compete against Covenant College.

Cross country teams place first at invitational

J. Ann Tipton
Copy Editor

The men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Brevard Invitational in North Carolina on Saturday where both teams placed first above Brevard, Covenant and Montreat.

Sophomore Marta Zimon and freshman Sean Bowman each finished first in their races.

The men's team had four runners who placed in the top ten: Bowman with a time of 27:08, junior Chris Wright with a time of 27:26, senior Shane Oakleaf with a time of 28:03 and sophomore Trevor Donovan with a time of 28:16.

The team is currently ranked no. 23 in the nation and won the weekend's invitational with a strong score of 26.

Zimon's first place time of 19:30 led the women's team to a winning score of 43 points. Junior Lauren Gross placed second and sophomore Megan Lease finished fourth with times of 20:35 and 21:31, respectively.

The women are currently ranked no. 29 in the nation. Coach Chris Layne is please with both teams.

"We're a young team and have made a few mistakes," Layne said, "but overall I'm very proud of the effort I've seen to date."

The teams will travel to Cary, N.C. to compete in the Great American Cross Country Festival.



Freshman Sean Bowman leads the way for the Milligan team in Saturday's race. He placed in the top ten along with three teammates.

Photo by Hannah Bader

Cross Country Schedule

- 9/26**
Great American Cross Country Festival: Cary, N.C.
- 10/3**
Appalachian State Invitational: Boone, N.C.
- 10/25**
Southeast Classic: Mount Berry, Ga.
- 11/8**
ACC/Region 11-12 Championships: Louisville, Ky.
- 11/22**
NAIA National Championships: Louisville, Ky.

Women's Soccer News

Sept. 23
Milligan 5, Brevard 4

The Lady Buffs played their first game since Sept. 10. Senior forward Bianca Spoto made four of Milligan's five goals in the game. Freshman forward Kristin Zuff added one.

Volleyball team falls to King College this week

Courtney Ruth
Reporter

Milligan's Lady Buffs fell to King College in a volleyball match Sep. 23, losing in the first three games 13-30, 16-30 and 20-30.

While the team's basic skills of passing and blocking were not at their peak, sophomore Kari Meredith felt the team's mindset was the obstacle that they never overcame.

Sophomore Amanda Caldwell

agreed. "When they scored seven straight points to start the game, we looked like deer in the headlights."

The Lady Buffs pulled together to produce points in the second game but not enough to pull out a win.

After Milligan scored the first point in the third game, the two teams volleyed points until the score was tied 7-7. The Lady Buffs scored five more points before they fell behind.

Sophomore Katie Mullins led the team with eight digs. Sophomore Joy

Dobbs and freshman Tara Earhart both had four kills while freshman Diane Sooter and senior Myra O'Dell added nine assists each. Sooter also led the match with two aces.

"We didn't play up to our," freshman Morgan Hyatt said. "We were so nervous we couldn't play."

The Lady Buffs know what they need to work on in order to win against King on Nov. 4th.

"The jitters are out," Meredith said. "We'll get more hyped up (next time)."

Milligan Voices

Roles reversed: 50-year tradition continues

Erin Blasinski
Managing Editor

Here are the rules for TWIRP week:

1. Provide transportation for your dates, if possible.
 2. Help your date with his coat, open doors for him, follow him through the doors, walk on the outside of the sidewalk, and all other courtesies of this type.
 3. Call for your date at the dorm and walk him back to the dorm. Please girls, observe all curfews of the week nights and Saturday night.
 4. It is required of all girls to have at least one TWIRP date each day. Don't be alarmed, girls! The dates may include asking a boy to any meal with you (remember he must go ahead of you in line), asking a boy to allow you to escort him to class (carrying his books), asking a boy for a SUB date, asking a boy for a date off campus.
 5. All girls are required to pay for any cost incurred on the dates, including transportation, movies, refreshments, etc.
 6. All girls are required to make all the advances, with the boys limited to counter maneuvers.
 7. All violators of the rules of TWIRP week will be subject to trial at the daily court.
- Daily Court:
- Any girl accused of a violation of any rule of TWIRP week will be called before the daily court to stand trial. Court convenes immediately following supper each evening in Sutton Dining Hall.
- I hope everyone followed these rules because after dinner tonight we will hold court to try those who did not abide by

these guidelines.

OK just kidding, but these rules really did exist for Milligan students of during the early 1960s.

As I sat in the basement of the library, I read article after article about past TWIRP weeks in old editions of *The Stampede*, dating all the way back to the early 1950s. This tradition of girls asking guys out has been in existence for just over 50 years. According to Billie Oakes, archivist and preservation consultant, the class of 1953 introduced the idea of TWIRP week in 1951.

As I thought about how far back this tradition goes, I wonder how people dealt with the issue of girls asking guys out.

"It was during a time when girls never asked a guy on a date," Oakes commented. "It was quite a different thing to be the one to ask, very intimidating at times."

While reading through the Oct. 1, 1971 issue of *The Stampede*, I ran across an article that talked specifically about how students, both male and female, felt about TWIRP week. Feeling were mixed between girls who liked the idea of being able to ask out the guy she is interested in, to others who thought it was too much pressure for girls to ask guys out.

Opinions also varied among the guys interviewed. One guy thought it was great having girls carry his meal tray, while another said he felt it put people in embarrassing situations.

Fifty years later we are still participating, obviously not concerned about breaking tradition.

"I think it is awesome," said junior Rachel Wright. "It reverses roles and lets girls see what guys go through every time

they want to ask someone out."

Wright asked her fiancé, junior Matt Fogle, on a TWIRP date during their freshman year. She said she did it to prove that girls can take a guy out for a nice dinner.

Fogle is just as excited about TWIRP week.

"I like it," he said. "Girls can see how guys feel about the whole rejection issue."

Oakes remembers TWIRP week as a fun time. She was a student at Milligan in the 1950s who asked a boy out on a date during TWIRP week. They continued dating and ended up getting married.

In an informal survey of the Milligan faculty and staff, I found that TWIRP week led to true love for many of our professors.

Dr. Bill Greer, professor of business, said that his wife Edwina asked him out on a TWIRP date when they were students in 1983. Greer said they dated and married in 1986. Dr. Jack Knowles, professor of English and humane learning, said that he and his wife participated in TWIRP week. Although they had dated on and off for about three years prior to TWIRP week 1967, she asked him on a date during TWIRP week and by Christmas 1967 they were engaged and then married in August 1968.

"True love has continued to blossom ever since," Knowles said.

For 50 years, TWIRP week as been a tradition at Milligan, and I suspect that it will continue for many years to come. For some people the week is nothing more than a normal week full of classes and work, but for others it is a chance to meet new people and form new friendships.

Q&A with Coach Del Harris

Information compiled by Mandi Mooney

The defensive coordinator of the Dallas Mavericks and 1959 Milligan alumnus, Del Harris was on campus Thursday to participate in the chapel service and speak at a coaches' clinic in Wilson Auditorium at 4 p.m. Web Administrator and reporter Mandi Mooney conducted the following interview with Harris:

Q. How has being a Christian coach affected your life as well as your career?

A. Most generally in a very positive way. It is amazing to see how many fellow believers there are who are coaching when you are willing to speak out.

Q. You said that you came back to the basic Christian principles later in your life. How have you applied those principles to your coaching and has that been difficult?

A. What has been difficult is avoiding being too overt (with my Christianity). Regardless of our position in life, especially if it be that of perceived authority, we only sow the seed. We are not the gardener. God gives the growth. We must continue to plant.

Q. What was it like to switch from coaching in the NAIA to coaching a professional team?

A. My change was very gradual because I coached what amounted to professional ball in Puerto Rico the last seven summers while I was coaching at Earlham College (in Richland, Ind.). Then I coached in Spain one season before becoming an assistant in the ABA and then the NBA for 4 years.

Q. What is it like working with professional athletes?

A. Working with the players is not tremendously different, given the fact that everyone is different in the first place. Problems tend to stay the same on sports teams as far as the interpersonal dynamics of a team are concerned. In fact, the relationships that a pro coach has with his constituents is far different than that which the college coach has with corresponding teams. The same hardest advice for a college coach to make and reason why in college basketball last 25 years have been able to go directly into the NBA and be successful unless they first served as an assistant.

Q. What advice do you have for students who hope to become coaches?

A. Basically, what I have always said and that is that if there is another choice you are considering that has equal appeal, choose the other. Coaching is for those who are totally dedicated to the task. If one takes on the role, he must accept the responsibilities that come with it. Coaching is not a job, it is a calling. It is a way of life.

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All submissions are subject to editing.



Photo by Hannah Bader

Andy Irving gets the crowd excited about bidding on Joe Dyer in Monday's Bachelor Auction. The junior class raised a total of \$346 after auctioning off 12 eligible bachelors.

What does a Humanities text book, an old printer, and a futon all have in common?

They all can be advertised in the Stampede!

Club/Organization: 15% discount

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(The Stampede has the right to refuse any ads under certain guidelines: Word limit of 25-30 words)

Fundraiser for tennis complex announced

Some of the estimated \$300,000 will be used in the following manner:

COMPLEX	\$100,000
COURTS	\$25,000 each
CLUB HOUSE	\$25,000
COACHES OFFICE	\$9,000
STAND AREAS	\$5,000 each
PLAZA AREAS	\$5,000

Graphic by Hannah Bader

"I've been a supporter for years and my son plays on help."

The original plan for the courts was for them to be built in the canyon parking lot below the Steve Lay Fieldhouse. After the physical plant collapsed last spring, the location for the courts was moved to Alf Taylor Road, next to the Taylor-Phillips House.

"It will be less expensive," women's tennis coach Marvin Glover said. "We'll be able to have six instead of four courts, and the physical plant ground is more stable."

One of the reasons the administration is moving forward with plans for the tennis complex is that the proposed Campus Center will be built where the current tennis courts are located. Tennis players and coaches hope to be playing on the new tennis complex by this time next year.

Dr. Tom Jones, associate professor at Emmanuel School of Religion and Milligan alumnus, is acting as the tournament chair, using his experience in fund raising to Aubrey, men's tennis coach.

"The Milligan Mathes Marathon Tournament is expected to raise \$100,000, but the total cost for the new tennis courts is estimated to be \$300,000," said Rich Aubrey, men's tennis coach.

Forty players will compete in 100 games. Each player's goal is to raise \$2,500 in scholarships. The players to compete on the college's current courts.

alumnus Dr. W.T. Mathes, who was one of the first fundraisers for Milligan's new tennis complex. The tournament is being held in honor of 1942 Milligan Johnson City will host the Milligan Mathes Marathon, a On Oct. 13, the Liberty Bell Tennis Center in

Danisha Beibune Reporter

House courses may allow students to become teachers

Seniors Andrew Hopper, David Nydegger, Katie Lorenzen and Laura Jones and junior Rachel Cunningham provided feedback on the concept.

"I think it's a great opportunity for the students that are going to be teaching," SGA Vice President Rachel Cunningham said. "It's also a really good chance for students to take a class that is outside our regular class schedule in more of a relaxed atmosphere."

Matson said after hearing student feedback, a proposal would have to be brought to the academic committee concerning the courses. Although full faculty approval would not be necessary for this proposal, Matson said that he definitely would look for faculty input on any proposal.

There is the possibility of modest pay for the faculty mentors and student teachers, and Matson said that funding from the Lilly grant may cover expenses.

Alpha Chi President Laura Jones said that house courses would be a good way of getting teaching experience and an asset to have when applying for graduate school. She also thought that, because students are no longer required to have mentors, they may have more room for such classes.

"I think it's a really good idea, but obviously it takes student participation for it to work," Jones said. "I hope students in the future take advantage of it."

Students interested in teaching a class would have to propose a course and get a faculty mentor to help them make a syllabus. Ideally, the courses would be taught in the dorms, and the faculty mentor would help assign a pass/fail grade. Matson said He said the course would include some academic component and be a journal, but he wanted the guidelines for the courses to be clearly broad.

The idea is to open up the area of education to a wider variety of students, and Matson said

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A few new additions...

Abby Conley Reporter

master's degree of public health at East Tennessee State University. Snodgrass is currently working on his doctorate in health sciences at Touro University, an online university based in Cypress, Calif.

Snodgrass has high aspirations for the Occupational Therapy program. "I would like for our MSOT program to become the entry-level program of choice for the southeastern United States," he said.

Abby Conley Reporter

According to Anderson, The Institute for Servant Leadership provides an opportunity for Milligan to add to the educational curriculum and student life.

"(The Institute for Servant Leadership) can take what Milligan has been doing well and make it even better," Anderson said.

Anderson previously served as director for the American Heart Association of Northeast Tennessee. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration from East Tennessee State University and is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in professional communication there.

Anderson is a native to this area and currently resides in Johnson City with her husband, Jeff, and 10-year-old daughter, Olivia.

JEFF SNOGRASS

Stephanie Terranova Reporter

Because she was just recently enrolled at Milligan, Ruble is acting as the "student connection" for the Institute for Servant Leadership.

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Poet Gildner captures Milligan crowd

Courtney Ruth

Reporter

Award winning poet Gary Gildner shared his work on Milligan's campus on Oct. 9 with a large turnout by faculty and students.

Gildner made his first appearance in the chapel service where he read one of his poems and invited students to come to the two poetry readings at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Sigma Tau Delta and Milligan Arts Council hosted the afternoon reading on the Mary Sword commons, which was the "highlight of the semester," according to English and humanities professor Ruth McDowell Cook.

The afternoon reading was attended by about 100 faculty and students.

Gildner, who read mainly from his poems that have not yet been published, spoke for approximately 40 minutes. He told the crowd what had inspired each of the poems before reading them.

The remainder of the 75-minute session was filled with poetry read by students and professors.

Cook, who began planning Gildner's visit last year when she served as chairman of the Milligan Arts Council, said she sees his style of writing as romantic.

"He writes about the common subjects of life - cow pies, 4-H sheep, wildflowers on his mountain, the experiences of youth -- topics all human beings can relate to," Cook said.

Senior Sigma Tau Delta member Mandy Patterson organized the afternoon reading.

"I thought that the casual atmosphere contributed to the success of the day," Patterson said. "We were able to interact with him on a personal level while hearing his poetry in a non-obtrusive way."

The structure of the 7 p.m. poetry reading was similar to the afternoon event, but Gildner was the only one who shared poems. It was held in Hyder Auditorium with about 75 people in attendance.

Gildner, who has a bachelor's and master's degree in English from Michigan State, has published 17 books, including books of poetry, short stories, novels and memoirs.

He has received numerous awards for his writings including the National Magazine

Award for Fiction, Pushcart Prizes in fiction and non-fiction, the Robert Frost Fellowship, the William Carlos Williams and Theodore Roethke poetry prizes and two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships. He received the 1996 Iowa Poetry Prize for his book "The Parsley in the Bunker Fields" and his memoir "My Grandfather's Book" was named Top Ten University Press Book of the Year.

Gildner has also read his work at the Library of Congress, the Academy of American Poets, Manhattan Theatre Club and over 300 colleges and schools in the United States and abroad.



Poet Gary Gildner captured the attention of roughly 100 students and faculty as he recited his own poetry. Gildner said that he read some of his works for the first time at this Milligan event.

Photos by Hannah Bader



40-day spiritual journey sweeps campus

Erin Blasinski

Managing Editor

On Friday, 22 Milligan students began a 40-day spiritual journey through *The Purpose Driven Life*, a book that forces its readers to ask the question, "What on earth am I here for?"

Webster's Dictionary defines purpose as the reason for which something exists or is done, an intended or desired goal, or determination.

The 40 chapters focus readers on their purpose as children of God who are created to worship, fellowship, disciple, minister and teach others about Christ.

Junior Kelly Becker first introduced the idea of doing the 40-day reading and study of the book to Milligan students on Rush Day in September.

"I had heard such wonderful things about the book so I decided to not just read it on my own, but to start up a group at school," said Becker.

Freshman Jessica McDowell first planned to read the book alone, but after seeing the table at Rush Day decided to do it with a group.

"I think it will be better as a group because we get input from others," McDowell said. "It will be interesting to see how others are changing and how God is changing me in similar ways."

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Webb lobby vandals still at large

Russ Cassens

Reporter

Webb Hall residents have lost all open dorm and cable privileges due to an incident of vandalism in the dorm's lobby last week. Whoever made the holes in the wall are responsible for \$750 to \$1,000 in damages.

According to assistant resident director Mike Murray, there were 32 holes of varying sizes in the wall.

Resident Assistant Aaron Scott said that the holes ranged in size from the tip of a cue stick to about three times the size of a bowling ball.

Director of Student Life Danielle Booth, Webb resident director Todd Miner and Murray met with Webb RAs on the Monday after fall break to discuss the vandalism.

"We were told that open dorms would be taken away-effective immediately, and wanted a confession by Friday at 3 o'clock," Webb RA Nick DeGroot said. "If they didn't know by Friday, they would fine each resident

enough to cover the damages."

On Oct. 8, all Webb Hall residents met in lower Seeger where Vice President for Student Development Mark Fox announced the penalties for the dorm. These included turning off the cable unless the vandals confessed to making the holes.

Upon hearing news of the punishments at the meeting, Webb Hall resident Warren McCrickard said he was upset that the administration assumed it was a Webb Hall resident who was to blame for the vandalism. McCrickard argues that since the lobby was open to everyone at the time of the damage, anyone could have done it.

Fox has confirmed that at least two Webb Hall residents have confessed to participating in the vandalism. However, he didn't know when the restrictions would be lifted.

"There is limited responsibility that they are willing to accept, and the bulk of the damage is still unaccounted for," Fox said.

From the Wire

Supreme Court to consider case on pledge to flag: On Tuesday, the Supreme Court agreed to consider in this session whether it is Constitutional for public schools to require students to pledge allegiance to the flag with the inclusion of the phrase "under God." The Pledge of Allegiance case was brought to national attention in June 2002 when the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco, ruled that the phrase "under God" made the pledge unconstitutional. According to a New York Times article, "The Federal District Court in Sacramento initially dismissed a lawsuit brought by Michael A. Newdow, an atheist who said he did not want his daughter exposed daily in her elementary school classroom to 'a ritual proclaiming that there is a God.'" The plaintiff then appealed the case to the Ninth Circuit Court where the Federal Court's decision was overturned. The Ninth Circuit Court later revised its opinion to say that the pledge was unconstitutional in the public school context. The Supreme Court has said "that it would address only the public school question, not the constitutionality of the pledge as a general matter," according to the article.

Trial of sniper suspect gets underway: John A. Muhammad stood before the Prince William County Circuit Court on Tuesday and entered a plea of "not guilty" to each of the four charges of murder that were read against him. Muhammad, 42, was implicated in the 10 sniper killings committed in the Washington D.C. area last fall, and his accomplice Lee Malvo, 18, is scheduled to go to trial in mid-November. The two men were arrested in Maryland, but Attorney General John Ashcroft chose Virginia as the site of the first trials because of its harsher penalties for such crimes. According to a New York Times article, "Since 1976, Virginia has executed 89 inmates; second only to Texas, compared with 3 by Maryland, said Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center." Also this week, Muhammad's attorneys and the prosecutor will be starting to select the 12-member jury that will decide the death penalty charges against Muhammad.

China sends man into orbit: On Wednesday morning, the Chinese spacecraft Shenzhou 5, or "The Divine Vessel," was launched into space from the Gobi Desert carrying one astronaut. The spacecraft is expected to orbit the earth around 14 times before returning home, a trip that takes approximately 21 hours. If the mission is successful, China will become the third nation to send man into space, an accomplishment the United States and Russia achieved around 40 years ago. The mission also holds political significance to the Chinese government who are hoping it will inspire a feeling of nationalism in Chinese citizens and support China's position as a world power. The Chinese astronaut Lt. Col. Yang Liwei, 38, was quoted as saying, "I will not disappoint the motherland. I will complete each movement with total concentration. And I will gain honor for the People's Liberation Army and for the Chinese nation."

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Volleyball teams wins two, loses four



Photo by Hannah Bader
Senior Myra O'Dell sets the ball to Freshman Tara Earhart in a game against Brevard College.

Gene Renfro
Reporter

With five AAC matches in the past 10 days, the Milligan Lady Buffs volleyball team has been busy. Milligan hosted Montreat and Brevard and played away matches against Bryan, Tennessee Wesleyan and Covenant.

On Oct. 7, The Lady Buffs defeated Montreat College at home three games to one with scores of 30-26, 30-26, 13-29 and 31-29.

"I'm very happy with the performance" coach Kim Hyatt said. "It was a faster pace and quicker game. They stayed moving."

Freshman Tara Earhart led the team with three aces and junior Leah Burke added two. Sophomore Jay Dubble and freshman Morgan Hyatt led the team with 10 kills. Freshman Kriesa Denton led the team with 16 digs, followed by sophomore Katie Mullins and freshman Beth Snapp with 11 each. Earhart led the Lady Buffs with six blocks. Senior Myra O'Dell posted 27 assists.

The next match for the Lady Buffs was Oct. 9 against Brevard. Brevard defeated Milligan in 3 games with scores of 24-30, 19-30 and 20-30.

Morgan Hyatt had seven kills, Snapp had six digs followed by Mullins with five. Leading with six blocks was Earhart.

"It was a slow start," coach Hyatt said, "Brevard's strong and they are high

in the conference. We're better as a team."

On Friday, Milligan traveled to Bryan College. Milligan fell to Bryan in three games with scores of 26-30, 12-29 and 27-30.

Junior Lindsey Westwood and Leah Burke added aces and senior Leah Burke traveled to O'Fallon and played three games. Freshman Morgan Hyatt led the team with 10 kills. Freshman Kriesa Denton led the team with 16 digs and Beth Snapp with 11 each. Earhart led the Lady Buffs with six blocks.

The next match for the Lady Buffs was at Covenant College. Milligan won three games and a third set with scores of 30-27, 25-30, 30-29 and 13-25.

Leading with six kills was Morgan Hyatt with three aces. Snapp and O'Dell. Morgan Hyatt had 12 kills. Mullins led the team with 19 digs and Earhart added five blocks.

Tuesday the team faced Bluefield at home where the Lady Buffs won the first four games with scores of 30-24, 30-26, 20-30 and 30-26.

The Lady Buffs' overall record is 9-18 and their conference record is 7-9.

Soccer Briefs

Men's Soccer

Oct. 11 vs. Union College

Milligan-4 Union-4

Oct. 14 vs. Cumberland

Milligan-3 Cumberland-1

Scoring for Milligan were junior Ali Mohamed with two goals and junior Alex Kimani with one.

The team's overall record is now 9-6, with a conference record of 3-2-1.

Women's Soccer

Oct. 11 vs. Union College

Milligan-0 Union-4

Oct. 14 vs. Southern Va.

Milligan-5 Union-0

Top scorer for the Lady Buffs was senior Bianca Spoto with three goals. Freshman Dehara September and Cora Deakins each added a goal.

The team's overall record is now 6-6, with a conference record of 4-2.



Photo by Hannah Bader
Sophomore Katie Lindemann, steals the ball from her opponent in the Lady Buffs Sept. 23 game against Brevard.

40-day spiritual journey cont.

Ten of the students participating in the 40-day spiritual journey met for the first time Monday evening. According to Becker, the meetings will be held every Monday evening at 7:30 in the SUB.

These gatherings allow for a laid back time of discussion for students to talk about what they have read.

Junior Jonathan Bickel is one of the students participating in the 40-day journey.

He heard positive things about the

book and he knew it was something he wanted to look in to.

"Maybe I don't know what my purpose is, but I hope that this study will help me see God's purpose for my life," Bickel said.

Becker hopes that the students participating will be challenged by what the book has to say, and that they can relate and apply it to their lives.

"I hope that, most of all, after the 40 days, students feel that they have an understanding for God's purpose in their lives," Becker said.

Check out the Stampede online (www.milligan.edu/stampede) for bonus stories on this week's edition. Including:

Political awareness group may form soon

Baseball field project near completion

Class Nights tailored to meet the needs of grade levels

News

What campus center?

LACK OF FUNDS FOR CENTER POSTPONES GROUND BREAKING

Missie Mills
Reporter

In October 2001, plans for the campus center were unveiled over Homecoming weekend. Two years later, ground has yet to be broken due to lack of funding.

As far as a timetable goes, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Todd Norris says that the project is not delayed.

In 2001, Milligan College received an anonymous \$4.5 million gift that they named the Leadership Challenge Grant and announced a five-year plan for construction of a campus center. Other donors were expected to take the challenge and match the grant.

In September 2001 a downturn in the nation's economy affected the amount of money given to the college. According to Jeanes, a key donor postponed his gift.

"He never signed a pledge, he still hopes to (donate) when the timing is right," Jeanes said.

In the meantime, many students eagerly await the center, which among other things will include a new president's office, prayer chapel, greeting area, grill,

theater and darkroom.

"The campus center is supposed to have a larger darkroom. Photography majors and Mrs. Anthony are really looking forward to it," junior photography major Diane Hostetler said.

Other students like the idea of the campus center, but are skeptical.

"I'll believe it when I see it," theater major Michele Dietz said. "The plans keep getting pushed back and it is discouraging."

Professor of theater Richard Major said that he realized the timeline for construction is uncertain.

"I am not surprised that things have moved slowly in regards to building a new facility that will house a theater," Major said. "What I do know is that the president and administration is firmly behind the building of such a facility."

The campus center is still in the conceptual form, where it will remain until Milligan receives the

approximately \$4.5 million necessary to complete the first building phase.

"It is important to realize we have a conceptualization and vision, and some elements may change, like what the building looks like," Norris said. "What hasn't changed is our commitment."

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- Todd Norris

The changes Norris spoke of are a possible fix to the financial problem caused by the campus center. Current plans for the center may be redesigned to be built with less costly material. Redesigning the center is a less attractive option to receiving a large gift.

Another option is to borrow the money. Jeanes said this alternative is not in Milligan's best interest. Since Milligan is a tuition-driven school, a high interest rate would increase the cost of attending Milligan. Jeanes said he would rather wait for a large donation than

increase tuition.

"Within the next year, the trustees will have to make some tough decisions: How much money will we borrow, or will we redesign?" Jeanes said. "I will not make a decision that will hurt the college."



Photos by Hannah Bader

Right: The Air Force Concert Band director helps a girl from the audience conduct the band. Top: A french homist performs a patriotic piece for the crowd.

News Briefs

Air Force Concert

The world-renowned United States Air Force Concert Band and Singing Sergeants performed on campus last Thursday evening.

Hundreds of members of the Tri-Cities community, as well as students from East Tennessee State University and Milligan, filled Seeger Chapel for the one-night performance.

The band began the concert with traditional concert pieces, which included an opera solo by Jennifer Lyons, a native of Knoxville. After an intermission, the concert band was joined by the Singing Sergeants to present a repertoire filled with patriotic songs, which included renditions of "This Land is Your Land," "God Bless the U.S.A.," and "Chattanooga Choo-Choo."

The night concluded with the presentation of the five branches of the U.S. Military, in which members and family members of the branches were recognized.

The Concert Band and Singing Sergeants perform all across the United States and overseas to boost morale in the troops who are currently serving.

5K Run/2.5K Walk

The Associated Ladies for Milligan hope to have over 100 people participating in the first annual 5K Run/2.5K Walk that will take place on the Saturday of Homecoming weekend.

The race will begin and end at the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse. Awards will be given to the overall top three finishers, as well as the top finishers in each age group.

Participants may still register for \$15, or \$20 after Oct. 25. Students may choose to collect donations to pay for the registration fee.

The run is being sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank and Saratoga Technologies. All proceeds from the event will go toward scholarships for Milligan students.

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Communication initiative to benefit campus

Mary Stephens

Reporter

Senior Meggan Musaus, an early childhood development major from Lake Worth, Fla., was named the 2003 Founder's Award recipient at last Thursday's chapel service. Along with the award, Musaus was granted \$400 to designate to a campus program of her choice. She announced her plan to use the money for an initiative to better communicate activities on campus.

Musaus said she had considered several options for designating the money, including exercise equipment and renovations to the SGA meeting room, but she wanted the money to make a significant financial contribution toward something that would benefit everyone on campus, rather than select groups.

Musaus said she has felt frustration with trying to get the word out about campus activities. She is currently on the Beacon planning committee in addition to being a

chairperson for Student Affairs.

"We use a lot of paper and send a lot of e-mail and it's just not always effective--especially for commuters," Musaus said.

The need for improved intercampus communication echoed in the Student Life Committee meeting last Thursday. Danielle Booth, director of student life, said communication on campus was the biggest challenge to her work.

Deke Bowman, public relations representative for the SGA, said he is designing a student government Web site that will provide links to various campus groups, organizations and directories.

Bowman said there are plenty of effective ways used to communicate on campus, including e-mail, sidewalk chalk and convocations. He said Musaus' idea for some kind of scrolling electronic board is a wonderful idea but students must also take action to stay informed.



Photo courtesy of Danielle Booth

Women's dorms join forces for Halloween bash

Missie Mills

Reporter

Hart, Sutton and Williams Halls will combine efforts to throw a Halloween bash for the community on Friday night.

Eveleigh Hatfield, president of Sigma Tau Nu, described the bash as a community event to give children a nice place to go trick-or-treating and show off their costumes.

"The girls dorms are getting together to help give the children in the community a chance to get to know the girls in Sutton, Hart and Williams," Hatfield said.

The bash will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Hart's front porch with hot cider for families as well as games for kids in the floor lobbies.

Kappa Rho Delta president Lindsey Vogt said that 2003 graduate and former Resident Assistant Stephanie Troyer initiated the Hart trick-or-treating idea two years ago.

This year's event is a continuance of the tradition and is more widely advertised because more of the campus is involved.

"We are all playing our roles in inviting the community and putting the word out on campus," Vogt said.

Director of Student Life and Resident Director of Hart Hall Danielle Booth said, "It is exciting to see the three women's dorms doing this activity together."

Hatfield said that by joining efforts, the dorms feel they can facilitate a large project like this better than they could separately.

The dorms plan on saving money by hosting this event together.

"We feel it is not an efficient use of money to throw separate parties when we could combine and do better at it," Vogt said.

Both dorm presidents said the success of the event will rest solely on the residents.

"(The Halloween bash) wouldn't be possible without my wonderful girls in Sutton who have been working so hard to get the dorm involved," Hatfield said.

Vogt said she is happy with the work that has been done.

"Hart has a really good dorm council this year," she said. "They want to serve one another and serve the community."

Hart and Sutton are planning more events together this year than in years past. Earlier this month both residence halls planned the showing of "Breakfast at Tiffany's".

Networking fair brings insight to students

Russ Cassens and Erin Blasinski

Reporter & Managing Editor

On Oct. 24, eight Milligan College alumni met with current students at the first annual alumni networking fair in Derthick Hall. The alumni held discussions with students to talk about their professions.

"There are great rewards through interactions and networking" said Leslie Glover, director of student success.

The eight alumni who participated in the fair included Dale Clayton, head coach and associate athletic director of Carson Newman College; Brian Bobrow, youth minister; Susan Bobrow, literature and language arts teacher; Bob Hayden, Principal, Hayden Design, Inc.; Dan and Kim Drage, artist and anthropologist; Dr. RonnAnn Naedele-Risha, Director, RMS Operations/GlaxoSmithKline and Robert Torbett, station manager of WEEE UPN 32 Knoxville.

Glover said it is important for students to see the steps that alumni have taken to be where they are now and

how their education at Milligan prepared them for their jobs.

Clayton, a business major while at Milligan, said his degree equipped him to deal with budgets and prepared him for the administrative duties of being a coach.

"Milligan does a good job of preparing students for life by giving them a taste of a lot of things," said Bowman. Senior Lisa Buckley attended Clayton's session and said she found it beneficial.

"It was very helpful to gain insight into coaching from a different perspective that we have not seen taught in the classroom," Buckley said.

Clayton also stressed the importance of networking. He said that in addition to knowing people, it is important to take advantage of the opportunities that contacts provide you and to build your interpersonal skills.

"There comes a point when you have to be able to sell yourself," Clayton said. "For instance, you can be recommended for a position, but once you get in the interview, it's all on you."

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Homecoming 2003 float winner was the Dance team with its wedding-themed float titled "Ring by Spring." For more Homecoming parade pictures, see page 4.

Photo by Paige Wassel

From the Wire

Russian miners rescued after 6 days: In Wednesday morning, 11 Russian miners were rescued after being trapped for six days in a deep mine shaft in southern Russia. One miner died and another remains missing. The rescuers found the miners after drilling through the solid rock of a pit on the northern end of the mine. The miners had crawled up this incline in the mine shaft to get above the mine's water level as it flooded. Rescuer Alexander Smetalin said, "The guys looked fine for people who have been trapped in a mine for six days. They came out themselves." Rescuers continue to search for the missing miner, who had left the group to look for another way out. According to a New York Times article, "The men who were rescued from the Zapadnaya mine were among 71 working some 625 feet below ground on Thursday when water from a subterranean lake leaked into a shaft above them, blocking their way to the surface." Twenty-five of these miners were able to escape, and 33 other miners that were trapped by the flooding were rescued on Saturday.

Iraq: Despite a series of deadly bomb attacks over Baghdad in the past week, President George W. Bush said Tuesday that he doesn't think additional U.S. troops need to be sent to Iraq. However, Bush also said that the United States will stay in Iraq until order is restored. In a Rose Garden news conference, Bush said, "Iraq is dangerous, and it's dangerous because terrorists want us to leave. And we're not leaving," according to a New York Times article. Although Bush did not specify where he thought the terrorists were coming from, he did say that the United States is working closely with Syria and Iran to patrol Iraq's borders. These remarks appear to contradict the comments made by Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the commander of the First Armored Division and a military official on the ground in Iraq, who said Monday that they had not seen any "foreign fighters" invading Baghdad.

Standardized achievement tests for four-year-olds: Recently, standardized achievement tests were administered to approximately half a million four-year-olds in Head Start programs around the United States. At West Early Childhood Center in Midland, Tex., Kate Kidder went to the cafeteria to answer questions on simple vocabulary, letter recognition and math in a 15-minute exam administered by Patricia Stevens, the center's principal. The new practice is a part of the federal initiative to keep education accountable, and reflects the areas emphasized by the No Child Left Behind Law. The information gathered is expected to help evaluate Head Start programs around the country, not individual performance. Critics say that the results of such testing will be flawed as the development of such young children is in "enormous flux." Psychologist Craig Ramey, a supporter of the initiative, says that this practice is just another "quality assurance program" like those used in business.

Compiled by Paige Wassel with information from the New York Times.

Soccer teams conclude winning seasons



Soccer: Sophomore forward Katie Lindemann pushes the ball down the field in a game against King College on Oct. 22.
Photo by Hannah Bader

J. Ann Tipton
Copy Editor

The men's and women's soccer teams concluded their seasons on Saturday

against Tennessee Wesleyan at home. The Lady Buffs lost to the Bulldogs with a score of 1-3. Senior Bianca Spoto was the lone scorer for Milligan with an unassisted goal in the 19th minute of play.

The women's soccer team concluded their season with a 1-3 loss to the Bulldogs in the Appleton, Tenn. game. The Lady Buffs were outplayed by the Bulldogs, who scored three goals in the first half and one in the second half.

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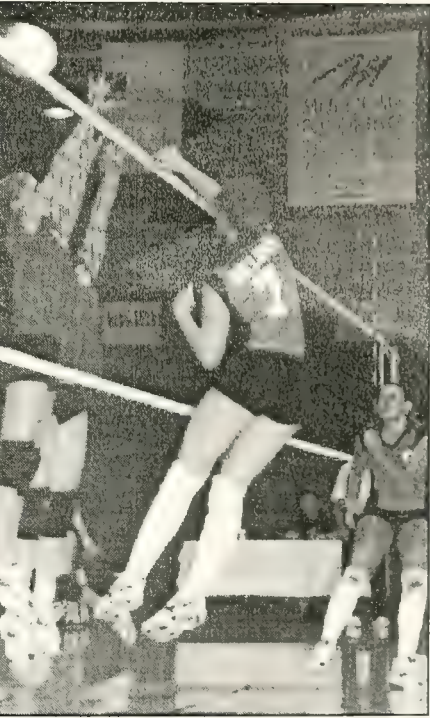
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Senior Eric Starr feels good about the upcoming postseason.

"At this point I feel that we can compete with anyone in the country," Starr said. "Both games we lost were well played and decided by a single goal."

The men will begin postseason on Nov. 1 in the AAC tournament.

Lady Buffs fall twice in AAC matches



Volleyball: Senior Theresa Butler goes to the net in Milligan's game against UV-Wise last Thursday.
Photo by Hannah Bader.

Gene Renfro
Reporter

The Milligan volleyball team fell to Appalachian Athletic Conference rivals University of Virginia at Wise and Virginia Intermont last week.

On Oct. 21, Milligan lost to University of Virginia at Wise in four matches (35-37, 25-30, 30-26, 28-30) at the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse.

Senior Myra O'Dell led the Lady Buffs with 22 assists, followed by freshman Dianne Sooter and junior Lindsey Wetherholt with 10 each. Wetherholt led the team with 12 kills. Sophomore Joy Dobbs and freshman Tara Earhart followed with 11 kills each. The only ace came from freshman Beth Snapp with two. Earhart with one. Freshman Allison Langrel led the team with four blocks. Sophomore Katie Mullins led the team with 11 digs, and O'Dell had 10.

"I'm hoping we'll start peaking come tournament time," coach Kim Hyatt said. "We've got some injuries and people out of position so it's tough right now, but I think mentally we're OK."

It was senior night for the Lady Buffs as O'Dell and Theresa Butler played in their last home match of their college careers.

O'Dell is a Math and Business Administration major from Kingsport, Tenn. Butler is a Human Performance and Exercise Science major from Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Milligan's next match was Thursday evening at Virginia Intermont. VI defeated the Lady Buffs three games to two (31-29, 25-30, 30-27, 24-30, 15-10).

Serving up the aces for Milligan was Dobbs with five and Sooter with two. Mullins led the team with eight digs. Dobbs and Earhart each contributed 11 kills. Freshman Morgan Hyatt followed with nine. O'Dell had 20 assists to lead the team, followed by Sooter with 16. Dobbs, Earhart, and Langrel each added two blocks for the Lady Buffs.

"I really believe this is the turn around game for us," Hyatt said about the match with VI. "We have two big matches (against King and Montreat) in another week and we are going to come out strong."

TENNIS MARATHON RAISES MONEY

Courtney Ruth
Reporter

The Milligan College tennis teams hosted a tennis marathon Oct. 18 to raise funds for the new courts that will break ground in the spring.

As of Oct. 24 over \$50,000 had been raised and more is expected to come in.

Women's tennis coach Marvin Glover aims to reach \$100,000 to pay for the complex that will include at least six courts, a field house and lighting.

Glover, who was pleased with the outcome of the marathon, intends to make it an annual event.

Existing tennis courts will remain in place for intramurals, physical education and student play until ground is broken for the Student Center.

5K RUN/2.5K WALK

Courtney Ruth
Reporter

The first annual 5K run/2.5K walk raised almost \$4,000 for scholarships on Saturday, with money largely coming from sponsors State of Franklin Savings Bank and Saratoga Technologies.

Registration fees were \$15 if participants registered prior to Saturday and \$20 if they registered that day.

Student participants were also encouraged to raise extra money by getting sponsors. Because of poor student involvement, no student won the dinner at the Taylor Phillips house for 20 people.

"I was disappointed that we didn't have any students participate in getting sponsorships," said Charonda Jones, leader of Associated Ladies for Milligan, the sponsor of the event.

Prior to the event, ALM set a goal of having 100 participants, but with faculty, staff, administration, alumni, people from the community and students, only 60 people ran or walked.

Trick or Treat

National candy corn day celebrated

Erin Blasinski
Managing Editor

Believe it or not, today is national candy corn day. In honor of candy corn lovers, I am pleased to bring you all the wonderful information you could ever want to know about the tiny little candy with orange, white and yellow stripes.

According to candyusa.org, candy corn has been in existence for more than 100 years. The Wunderle Candy Company of Philadelphia was the first to make candy corn in the early 1880s. By 1889, the Goelitz Confectionary Company in Cincinnati began commercial production of candy corn and is the oldest manufacturer of Halloween candy, according to Haunted Bay Web site.

"The fortune of the Halloween treat would rise and fall many times as recession and boom, war and peace, affected the humble confection," states Haunted Bay's Web site. "Throughout the hard times, it was the sale of candy corn that kept the companies afloat."

During the sugar crisis in the mid 1970s, the price of raw sugar rose so high that the company had to take out loans in order to buy sugar and keep candy production up. After the crisis, the market plummeted and many companies went out of business. The demand for candy corn, however, kept Goelitz from bankruptcy.

Have you ever looked at the shape of candy corn? According to the Haunted Bay Web site, the shape was a big selling point, and companies even tried other vegetable shapes. I guess it is a good thing they decided on the corn shape; can you imagine going to the store to buy candy turnips for Halloween?

Candyusa.org states that nearly 35 million pounds of candy corn will be made for Halloween this year. This means that nine billion kernels of candy corn will be harvested for consumption.

Brach's Confections, Inc. said on its Web site that if the company lined all of its candy corn/mellowcrèmes end to end, there would be enough to circle the earth four times. In fact, the Halloween season accounts for 75 percent of the annual candy corn production, according to the Haunted Bay Web site.

The Information Resources, Inc. Web site reports that Americans spent over \$782 billion on candy in 2002. And the largest season for candy sales? You guessed it, Halloween.

Census.gov states that last year the average American ate 24 pounds of candy. Most of this was consumed by trick-or-treaters on and the days following Oct. 31. If you would like to get started on consuming your 24 pounds of candy, come find me today. I will gladly provide you with a handful of candy corn.

Candy Corn Facts:

- The recipe has remained the same since 1898
- 75% annual candy corn production during Halloween
- 3.57 calories per kernel

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Check out this week's
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evident at Milligan

Little known origins: Halloween

J. Ann Tipton
Copy Editor

Trick-or-treat. Smell my feet. Give me something good to eat. If you don't, I don't care. I'll pull down your underwear. Ah, the sweet melodies of youth.

Please don't misunderstand. I trick-or-treated with the best of them and had a great time doing it. I know what it's like to wear reflective footwear, carry a flashlight and travel nomad-style from house to house panhandling sweet treats from overly excited neighborhood people.

"Look how cute you are!" one gushed at me through her screened door. "Come in here so I can take your picture. Your mom did such a good job on your face paint!"

I think it's interesting how we spend so much time and energy on Oct. 31 even though few of us probably know anything about the history of the day. There aren't many among us who can't explain the Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving and Fourth of July stories, so why is it that we know virtually nothing about Halloween?

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts, who lived

2,000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on Nov. 1. This day marked the end of the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on Oct. 31, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred and the ghosts of the deceased returned to earth.

By the 800s, the influence of Christianity had spread into Celtic lands. In the seventh century, Pope Boniface IV designated Nov. 1 All Saints' Day as a time to honor saints and martyrs. It is widely believed today that the pope was attempting to replace the Celtic festival of the dead with a related, but church-sanctioned holiday. The celebration was also called All-hallows or All-hallowmas and the night before it, the night of Samhain, began to be called All-hallows Eve and, eventually, Halloween. Even later, in A.D. 1000, the church would make Nov. 2 All Souls' Day, a day to honor the dead. It was celebrated similarly to Samhain, with big bonfires, parades, and dressing up in costumes as saints, angels, and devils. Together, the three celebrations, the eve of

All Saints', All Saints', and All Souls', were called Hallowmas.

So where does the trick-or-treating tradition come from?

Trick-or-treating dates back to the early All Souls' Day parades in England. During the festivities, poor citizens would beg for food and families would give them pastries called "soul cakes" in return for their promise to pray for the family's dead relatives. The distribution of soul cakes was encouraged by the church as a way to replace the ancient practice of leaving food and wine for roaming spirits. The practice, which was referred to as "going a-souling" was eventually taken up by children who would visit the houses in their neighborhood and be given ale, food, and money.

So there you have it. Halloween does have an interesting history shrouded in ancient folklore that could show up in a Humanities lecture some day. No matter what we think of the holiday, it is important to know a little of the history surrounding a day set aside for celebration. So whatever you do, make sure to give out the good candy on Friday night, because I think I still have a few mini boxes of Jujubes left from 1987.

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Career Help: What is monstertrak.com?

AN INTERVIEW WITH STUDENT SUCCESS DIRECTOR LESLIE GLOVER ON MONSTERTRAK.COM

Q: What is monstertrak.com?

A: MonsterTRAK is the #1 Web site for students and alumni looking for full-time and part-time positions, internships & on campus employment. MonsterTRAK helps you explore the possibilities and find the opportunities that are right for you. It was founded in 1987 as JobTRAK.

Q: Where did the idea originate for plugging Milligan into the monstertrak database?

A: From Dr. John Paul Abner, former

Career Services Director

Q: Why should students use it?

A: It is a valuable resource for job search skills across the US and international and an excellent opportunity for alums and current students to connect as a way of service.

Q: How is it beneficial to the Milligan Community?

A: It is another opportunity to offer students current and most recognized source for information on-line. By it being accessible on-line, students and alums can access the information at his or her convenience.

Q: How can students access the information from monstertrak.com?

A: On Milligan's Web site, under the Student Life icon (left side), click on Career Development. MonsterTRAK site is there, but a password is needed to access the Alumni Mentoring site.

Q: Has it been successful? How so?

A: Those who have used the site have found it to be beneficial and loaded with a wealth of information. For those having trouble logging on to MonsterTRAK, call 461-8981 or stop by the Center for Calling and Career Exploration to receive help.

-Information Compiled by Erin Blasinski

NETWORKING FAIR BRINGS INSIGHT

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According to Glover, the networking fair gives alumni a chance to help students and the Milligan community.

"Ultimately what I want students to get out of the fair is to see how Milligan prepared (these alumni) for their current professions and how they answered God's call for their lives," Glover said.

Glover said that there was a small turn-out for the fair but that it was "definitely well-received by all the participants."

Glover hopes that in the years to come the fair will continue to grow and expand in the types of careers represented. She said all the participating alumni are hoping it will be continued in 2004.

Phi Alpha Theta's faculty talent show a new tradition

Danisha Bethune
Reporter

On Oct. 23, Milligan's Phi Alpha Theta chapter sponsored a faculty talent show in SUB7. The history honor society's president Erin LaVallee and vice president Aaron Scott emceed the event. Admission for students was \$1 at the door.

Faculty participating in the event were Phil Kenneson, Jack Knowles, Tim Dillon, Craig Farmer, Mark Matson, and Ted Thomas.

Kenneson entertained the crowd with a reading of a Karl Barth work. After he read silently for a minute, he shushed the audience and walked off the stage. The crowd roared with laughter and clapped.

Other faculty members were equally entertaining.

Knowles did a reading of Father William by Lewis Carol. Dillon sang two songs, "Down by the Salley Gardens" and "The Minstrel Boy in a cappella."

Matson told the apocryphal story of Tobit.

"It's a fun story," Matson said. "It's got drama, romance, and bird poop."

Thomas played the guitar and sang three songs: "I'm Going Back to Where I Come From," "The No-No Tree" and "Twenty-Five Minutes."

Student reaction to the evening was positive.

"I needed a good laugh and I definitely got that," junior Sandy Tester said. "I enjoyed the humor of each professor's performance. It was a fun night of good talent."

LaVallee and Scott expressed hopes that the faculty talent show will become an annual event.

Matson said he was reluctant to be in this faculty talent show and isn't sure if he will participate in the next one.

"I don't know if I will do the faculty talent show again. It depends on who twists my arm," Matson said. "(Milligan has) a lot of talent and participation in the faculty talent show should be spread around more."

HOMECOMING 2003



Top: Members of Sutton Hall gather for a photo just prior to the parade festivities. Sutton's float charged down Blower's Blvd. with a "Wizard of Oz" theme, and won runner-up in the float contest.

Bottom: Brass ensemble members Stephanie Lyons, Erik Boggs, Richard Greatti and Dr. Craig Farmer play "When the Saints Go Marching In" in the Homecoming parade last Saturday. For a photo of this year's parade winner, see page 1.

Photos by Cassie Lamson and Paige Wasse



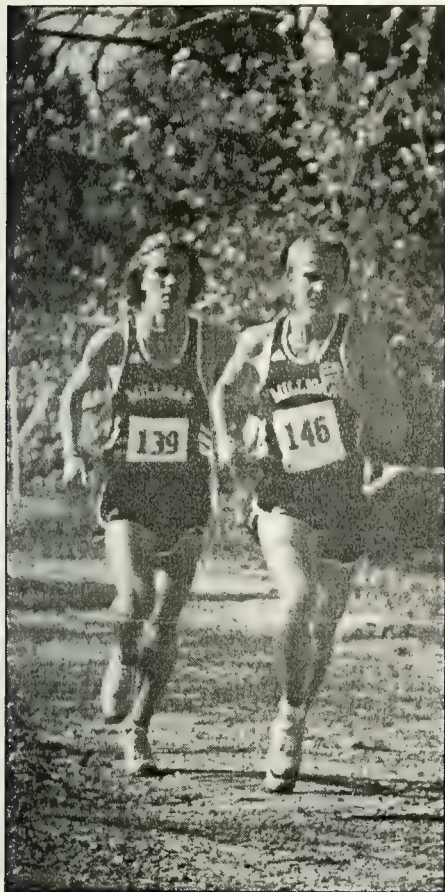
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Cross country teams win conference and regional titles, advance to nationals



Sophomore Chris Wright and freshman Sean Bowman sprint for the finish line at the NAIA Region 12 meet on Saturday.
-Photo by Hannah Bader

J. Ann Tipton
Copy Editor

For the first time since the cross country program began in 1999, the men's and women's teams took the regional and Appalachian Athletic Conference titles Saturday at the NAIA Regional 12 meet.

Both teams combined for seven first-team All-Region honors, four second-team and nine All-Conference selections. The teams also advanced to the national championships that will be in Louisville on Nov. 22.

The men beat out 11 other teams to take the regional title. Milligan finished 28 points ahead of second place Berea College. The men also ran the race an average of 41 seconds faster than Berea.

Freshman Sean Bowman took the region and conference individual title for the Buffs. Six of the top 10 finishers were Milligan runners: Bowman (1st), sophomore Chris Wright (2nd), senior Shane Oakleaf (5th), sophomore Trevor Donovan (6th), junior Ted Dubois (8th) and freshman Jair Collie (9th).

"We were expected to win just because our times from previous races were better than the teams we were running against," Oakleaf said. "When you go into a meet like this, (the teams are) in their prime. We knew we had to run hard and smart."

The women competed against nine other teams to take the regional title. The Lady Buffs finished 12 points ahead of second place Virginia Intermont. The women ran the race an average of 33 seconds faster than VI.

Coach Chris Layne said the team knew this meet would be a challenge, especially because they were without no. 4 runner sophomore Ann Marie Gardner.

"We knew the women's race would be a battle with Virginia Intermont even though we'd beaten them earlier in the season," Layne said. "(VI) has been improving each week, and we were without Ann Marie Gardner who injured an ankle in basketball."

Freshman Marta Zimon took the women's region and conference individual title. The team placed three runners in the top five: Zimon (1st), sophomore Megan Lease (4th) and junior Lauren Gross (5th).

Gross said the teams are looking forward to the next level of competition at nationals.

"We are all feeling really excited and strong," Gross said. "We have come together as a team, and are really working hard and pushing each other. I think we should go out there and give a little more at nationals and make a real name for Milligan."

According to Layne, both teams are setting their sights on a top 20 finish.

"Right now we have nothing to lose as neither team has been ranked above 21 all year," Layne said. "Both teams were unranked going in to represent us as the underdog."

In addition to the individual and team achievements, Layne was named the Region 12 men's and women's coach of the year. This is Layne's first year receiving coaching recognition, but he has been recognized as indoor track coach of the year twice before.

"I have to give the credit to the team," Layne said. "It's their effort that makes the coach look good."

For All-Conference, All-Regional coach of the year.



Freshman Marta Zimon sets the pace for the other runners. Zimon finished first in Saturday's meet.

-Photo by Hannah Bader

Production ended for student film

Erin Blasinski
Managing Editor

Senior Eric Blackburn's film, *The John Doe Project*, began shooting on Sept. 27, but as of Oct. 25, production "will no longer be moving forward," stated Blackburn in a letter sent to the film's cast and crew.

Blackburn said that film production was stopped "due to differences in creative aspects of the film."

"I talked to a lot of people and as hard as it was (to stop production), that's what we decided," Blackburn said.

Junior Grant Foster, director of crew two, co-producer and editor of *The John Doe Project*, said he was disappointed that the project had to come to an end because he feels that it could have been really good.

"(Ending the project) is a lost opportunity for everyone involved," Foster said.

Kenny Suit, associate professor of communication and faculty adviser for Blackburn's film, said it is unfortunate that the movie could not be made, but "that's cinema."

"It's a sad fact but a lot of films end up this way. It is just the nature of the beast," Suit said. "Film art is not like painting or sculpture art because those are individualistic arts. (Film) is more like theater or dance, a collaborative art form."

Suit said Blackburn did the right thing by ending the film project when Blackburn saw deep dissatisfaction with the way the film was being produced.

Blackburn said he could not comment on the specific problems that caused the termination of the project.

"Due to extenuating legal issues, we feel that it would be in the best interests of both parties in disagreement if the project would come to a close," Blackburn wrote in the letter to the cast and crew.

As of Wednesday, no one who had worked on the project knew of any legal actions.

Junior Josiah Potter, who was cast for the lead in *The John Doe Project*, said he was disappointed that the film was terminated.

Suit said Blackburn won't give up movie making.

"Eric is chomping at the bit to make a film," Suit said.

"If he can't make *John Doe*, he'll make something else."

Although production has stopped on *The John Doe Project*, Blackburn is excited about beginning two new films, one short film and one long film. According to Blackburn, the same crew will be involved with the films and main characters from the first film will be used in the new films.

The short film, entitled *Revisions*, was written by

Meredith Swanson, WJHL-11 news producer. Junior Crystal VanMeter and East Tennessee State University senior Tabitha Williams will have the only two roles in the film.

"I'm excited about (Williams and VanMeter) being in the film together, because they are great actresses," Blackburn said.

VanMeter is eager about being in the short film.

"I'm always open to doing new things," VanMeter said.

According to Blackburn, the project will likely be finished by the beginning of the spring semester.

The second film, currently untitled, is written by Blackburn and is a modern retelling of the Old Testament book of Job.

The film will run 45 minutes to an hour. Potter will be the lead in the new film.

"I am happy that I get to work with Eric again," Potter said. "He is awesome and a great director."

Blackburn is still working on the script but is anxious to have the cast and crew together to begin preparations.

"We are going to do pre-production this semester and begin shooting next semester," Blackburn said.

His plan is to have the movie done in time for the spring film festival at Milligan.

'(Ending the Project) is a lost opportunity for everyone involved.'

-Grant Foster

Sports

From the Wire

Nuclear advances reported in Iran and North Korea: According to two intelligence reports released in the past week, Iran and North Korea have made advances in nuclear technology that surprised "nuclear experts" and "Western intelligence officials." On Monday, a confidential report released by the International Atomic Energy Agency detailed an 18 year-old Iran program that uses advanced technology and techniques, including the use of lasers to enrich uranium. However, the reports concurred that North Korea is ahead of Iran in terms of actual weapon production, presenting the more urgent threat of the two.

The New York Times article read, "The difference, as the CIA told Congress, is that North Korea has fully mastered the complexities of detonating a bomb, perhaps with the help of some of its nuclear suppliers like Pakistan. There is no evidence that Iran has made that much headway." Recently, President Bush has reaffirmed the United States commitment to oppose these programs, specifically mentioning that diplomatic progress has been made in putting together alliances of neighboring countries to pressure Iran and Korea to disarm their programs.

FBI's record request power to grow: A measure recently approved by both the House of Representatives and the Senate would expand the FBI's ability to demand financial records, without the approval of a judge, from "car dealers, travel agents, pawnbrokers, and many other businesses." Although current such requests are made to financial organizations as banks and credit unions, this measure would expand the realm of such subpoenas (called national security letters) to places like casinos, post offices and "any other institution doing cash transactions with a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax or regulatory matters." Included in the intelligence community's authorization bill of 2004, this measure's main purpose would be in further investigations of financial records of those suspected of terrorism and espionage. Opponents of the legislation say that it gives the federal government more latitude in looking at people's private lives.

Selection process for jurors begins in sniper case: Potential jurors for the case involving the Washington D.C. sniper attacks of last fall are currently being asked a key question by the defense. Specifically, Prosecutor Robert F. Horan, Jr. asked these individuals, "Do any of you have a moral, religious or philosophical objection to the death penalty when the defendant was a juvenile at the time the crime was committed?" The alleged participant in these shootings, Lee Malvo, was four months away from his 18th birthday when the shootings took place. The question will play an important role in the ultimate trial decision since Virginia, where the case is being tried, sets the minimum age for putting juveniles on death row at 16. Although few juveniles have actually been executed in Virginia in recent years, a sentenced juvenile would be put on one of the fastest tracks to execution for juveniles in the country.

-Compiled by Paige Wassel with information from the New York Times

Women's soccer advances to regional quarterfinals

J. Ann Tipton
Copy Editor

The women's soccer team traveled to Bourbonville, Ky. on Friday to play against Virginia Intermont in the semifinal round of the Appalachian Athletic Conference. Milligan prevailed 2-1.

Sophomore Katie Caughell scored the first goal off an assist from senior Bianca Spoto. Spoto then scored the team's final goal off an assist from Caughell.

The team then advanced to the final round of the tournament on Saturday where they played Union College. Spoto led the team with Milligan's only goals for a 2-1 victory over Union.

Spoto's first-goal came in the 50th minute off an assist from freshman Kristin Zutt. She then scored an unassisted goal in the 84th minute of play. The Lady Buffs had 10 shots on goal, compared to Union's six. Senior Andrea Breece had five saves.

The Lady Buffs played in the regional quarterfinals on Tuesday at home against Tennessee Wesleyan. Milligan's only score came from a corner kick that Caughell headed into the goal. The defense was able to hold Tennessee Wesleyan to no goals.

"The team is starting to look good," coach Dave Dixon said. "We are really starting to play to our potential. It is very exciting to watch them play."

The team will play Bethel College on Friday morning in the semifinal round of the regional tournament.



Senior Bianca Spoto pushes past the defense to get to the ball.

Photo by Sarah Shepherd



Freshman Kristin Zutt gains possession of the ball.

Photo by Sarah Shepherd

Basketball teams open with losses

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gene Renfro
Reporter

The men's basketball team lost the first two games of season at the Berea College Pepsi Invitational over the weekend.

In the opening game against Mt. Vernon Nazarene University, Milligan lost 80-72.

Leading the way for the Buffaloes in scoring was senior guard Michael Morrell with 18 points. Junior forward Craig Emmert scored 16 points. He was seven for nine from the floor with seven rebounds.

Junior guard Scott Ferguson led the team with eight assists. Senior guard Jonathon Harris had a team high 10 rebounds, and junior guard Eric Coggins was four for eight at the three-point line.

Milligan was ahead 38-26 at the half, only to see Mt. Vernon shoot 54 percent from the field in the second half. The Buffs shot 37 percent.

Milligan had 19 turnovers compared to Mt. Vernon's 13. The Buffs were out rebounded 40 to 35 by the opponent.

Milligan lost their second game to Berea College 84-77.

Leading the way for Milligan in scoring was Coggins with 21 points. Emmert scored 19 points and led the team with nine rebounds. Harris added 16 points and six rebounds.

Berea led by 17 points at halftime, only to see Milligan cut their lead to a single point late in the second half. Milligan went 16 for 32 from the floor in the second half against while Berea was 12 for 27.

"(These were) two hard fought games," coach Tony Wallingford said. "We had a chance to win both in the last five minutes."

Milligan will host Berea at the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Milligan faced Brescia University, the eighth ranked team in the NAIA conference. The final score was a disappointing 31-63.

"I thought the team performed really well on defense," sophomore Karl Stout said, "but we were struggling a little on the offense overall."

Stout led the Lady Buffs with 11 points, including three three-pointers and five rebounds. Senior Amanda Greene and junior Ann Marie Gardner also added five rebounds each. Milligan had a total of 21 turnovers, which resulted in Brescia scoring 17 extra points.

The Lady Buffs lost to Cumberland College 60-68 Saturday afternoon.

Sophomore Leah Seewers led the team with 14 points and seven rebounds. Senior Joy Clark contributed 12 points and junior Ginny White added 10.

"As a team, we have a lot of talent and have become very deep," Stout said, "and our goal for this season is to perform extremely well at nationals in Iowa in March."

Their current record is 0-2. The Lady Buffs will travel to Georgia on Friday for their next game against Berry College.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Mandi Mooney
Reporter

The women's basketball team lost to Brescia University and Cumberland College at the Brescia University Invitational in Owensboro, Ky. over the weekend.

In the first game on Friday night,

Sports briefs

VOLLEYBALL ENDS SEASON

On Nov. 6, the Lady Buffs lost their final regular season match to Montreat in four games 15-30, 26-30, 31-29 and 31-33. Senior Myra O'Dell contributed 24

assists and junior Lindsey Wetherholt added 21. Freshman Tara Earhart had 19 kills, 10 digs, 10 aces and one block. Freshman Krissi Denton added 12 digs and 12 aces.

The team will compete in the Appalachian Athletic Conference Tournament on Friday at 9 a.m. at King College.

MEN'S SOCCER SEASON ENDS

The men's soccer team lost to Virginia Intermont in the semifinal round of the Appalachian Athletic Conference Tournament on Friday. Milligan failed to score and lost 0-5. Their overall record is 12-8-1.

Milligan Voices

Despite little publicity, IQ.Web embraced by students

J. Ann Tipton
Copy Editor

Beginning this semester, students' grades are no longer sent to their home addresses. Instead, midterm and final grades can be accessed anywhere in the world via the Internet on a service called IQ.Web.

Students were informed of the change in the 2003 Summer Sizzler and at registration in August. Most students, however, have not been formally taught how to use IQ.Web.

"I remember getting a paper at the beginning of the year," junior Rachel Jones said, "but all it said was that grades weren't going to be sent home. It didn't explain how to check my grades on the Internet."

In fact, many students are learning how to use the service because they were taught by a friend or by simply browsing the Web site for themselves.

"(My roommate) and I remembered hearing something about being able to check our grades on the Internet," Jones said. "So we just looked around (the Milligan Web site) until we figured it out."

Even though the link to IQ.Web has been on the Milligan homepage for over a year, the service was not made available to students until this semester. Students can log on to the service by using their campus network logon name and password.

Database Administrator Tracee Johnson said that 625 students have accessed IQ.Web so far this semester. That means that almost 75 percent of the student body has been successful in logging into the service at least once. Johnson said there have been very few problems with

the service and has been pleased with the positive student response.

"Some students did have trouble logging on the first time which was all part of the initial setup of the accounts," Johnson said. "The students made no negative comments but seemed to be excited when they did get logged in."

The Registrar's Office has received very little feedback about the change in procedure. Registrar Sue Skidmore admits that she is unsure if this lack of response means students have embraced the new software or if no one really understands it.

"Our attempts to publicize IQ.Web were probably inadequate," Skidmore said. "I keep thinking that maybe everyone caught on because nobody came in to ask me about midterm grades."

Skidmore said that using IQ.Web is one way for Milligan to make sure students' privacy rights are not violated as explained in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). The legislation gives any student or former student the right to inspect, review and copy his or her permanent records.

At Milligan, the permanent records covered by FERPA include the student's application for admission, high school and previous college transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, correspondence with the Office of Admissions, documents pertaining to grade reports, dates of attendance, approval of leaves of absence, correspondence with the Deans, senior class status, course distribution summary forms and the materials contained in the student's career planning file.

"It is permissible for us to release written reports of midterm and final grades to the parents of dependent stu-

dents," Skidmore said. "(The administration) decided it was very hard to determine who was a dependent student, so the safer route was to let you and your parents work this out."

Skidmore said that students can request that grades be mailed home, but that a new request must be made every semester. The necessary form can be found at the front desk of the Registrar's Office. So far this semester, no requests have been made for grades to be mailed home.

Faculty and staff have been using the service for the last four years. Through IQ.Web, professors submit grades to the Registrar's Office as well as access their advisees' academic records to help assist in class scheduling.

Other records a student can access on IQ.Web include an unofficial transcript, course catalog, student account balance and history, financial aid and individual course schedules for every semester enrolled at Milligan. Students can also alert the Registrar's Office of a change of address through IQ.Web.

In the future, students will be able to register for classes on the service. The Registrar's Office and Director of Academic Advising John-Paul Abner have also been working on a feature called "Academic Plan" that will help students map out every credit hour needed in order to graduate.

It is still unclear when these services will be added for student use.

"Unfortunately, that system is a bit user-hostile to get started," Abner said. "There is some pretty extensive programming that has to be done (before these features can be implemented)."

Creek tradition is here to stay

Mandi Mooney
Reporter

We've all heard the rumors of a wedding and a wedding someone gets "creeked." However, many still wonder what creeking really is. Well, for all those wondering folks out there, here it is: the tradition goes back as far as the 1950's. Whenever a couple becomes engaged, they are eventually thrown into Buffalo Creek by a group of their friends.

Many faculty members can share a story or two about their own creeking experiences. Associate Professor of Accounting Bob Mahar was "creeked" in 2001 by his own students when they heard about his engagement.

***'It's inevitable
but I still make sure
to lock my doors
at night.'***
-Samantha Van Duyn

In fact, in years past *The Stamped* published an end-of-year list of the newly engaged couples. In 1976, there were 42 new engagements on Milligan's campus, most of which were forced to face the creek.

For the most part, creeking takes place at night when the victim is kidnapped and thrown into Buffalo Creek. It seems not to matter what time of year the creeking takes place. While some have been creeked during the late summer and early fall, others have been thrown in during the middle of the winter. There is always an element of surprise, as the couples have no idea when they are going to be creeked.

Senior Samantha Van Duyn has been engaged for two months and is still waiting for her turn to be creeked.

"In the beginning, it was more suspenseful because you know it's going to happen but not when," Van Duyn said. "As time goes on, I've realized that it's inevitable but I still make sure to lock my doors at night."

This semester has seen the creeking of at least 12 engaged individuals.

"I think this tradition is fabulous and it makes the whole experience special because your friends are involved," recent creeking victim Lisa Saca said.

According to Director of Student Life Danielle Booth, the administration permits creeking as long as it is not done in a way meant to hurt the student or go against the student's wishes.

"When it becomes harmful to the student, that is when it is considered hazing and will be dealt with according to school policy," Booth said.

Milligan's student handbook describes naming as harassment, threats, and verbal or physical intimidation. School policy calls hazing an "unacceptable activity and will result in strict disciplinary action."

Nevertheless, this tradition will continue as new couples become engaged and their friends share in the joy. Don't think that you can escape it. Even alumni who get engaged after graduation have come back to visit Milligan only to find themselves being thrown in the creek in celebration.

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Student tuition and fees makes up approximately 69 percent of Milligan's 2002-2003 budget of \$16.9 million, according to Milligan's annual report released last month.

But what does this number mean when viewing the larger realm of statistics? And how has it changed at Milligan in recent years?

Milligan's Budgeted Income

In the 2003-2004 academic year, this figure declined 2 percent, making tuition and fees 67 percent of the total budgeted income. This slight decline is related to a small decline in enrollment between those years.

"We are an enrollment driven college," Budget Director and Controller Chris Rolph said. "If enrollment drops, we have less income to operate which would explain the 2 percent drop."

The college budget is approved at the April trustees meeting each year.

The "tuition and fees" category refers to the combined costs of tuition, a technology fee, a student activity fee and a health fee. Room charges, bookstore sales and board (meal expenses) make up the largest components of Milligan's auxiliary income, which is another category that factors into the budgeted income.

Tuition and fees made up 60 percent of the total income budget in the 1994 to 1995 academic year, according to Rolph. By comparison, in the 1999 to 2000 academic year, tuition and fees made up 67 percent of this figure.

Factors Affecting Tuition Costs

So why does the price tag on tuition change from year to year?

Rolph said that salaries and benefits, utilities, building repairs and maintenance and scholarships are costs that can push up the price of tuition. Of these factors, salaries are the biggest expense in the

budget, with scholarships making up the second largest component of the budget.

According to the annual report, Milligan budgeted \$3.8 million for college-funded financial aid last year. This is about 23 percent of the total budget in 2002-2003. In the previous year, college-funded financial aid made up 22 percent of the total budget.

"I expect that next summer's annual report for the current academic year will indicate a very similar level of commitment to the funding of college scholarships and grants," Vice President for Enrollment Management David Mee said.

Dr. Bill Greer, Kegley associate professor of economics and business chair, said that inflation has also factored into higher education costs across the country.

"College and University tuition across the country has increased at a much faster pace than the overall rate of inflation for the past several years," Greer said.

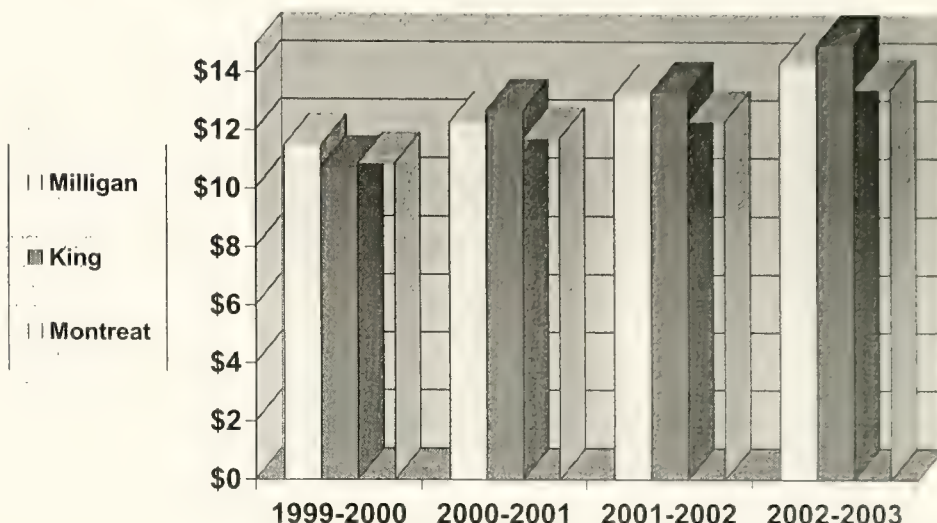
He said that this progression is due in part to the fact that more people are looking to earn a college degree and that colleges are offering more scholarship money to attract students.

Greer said today's job market requires people who are more educated, thus the higher demand for college degrees.

According to Greer, "inflation" is defined as a general increase in the price level. It is most often measured by comparing the Consumer Price Index from one year to the next. The CPI for 2003 is expected to increase approximately 2 percent over the CPI for 2002. The 2004 CPI is expected to increase 1.6 percent over 2003.

Related to the cost of tuition is the size of a college's endowment. In times of good economic growth, having a larger endowment gives a college more money for scholarships. When the stock market is doing poorly, however, schools dependent

Tuition Costs in Thousands of Dollars



Graph created by Paige Wassel

on this money are hurt because they have a smaller storehouse to provide for scholarships. At Milligan, the endowment is fairly small.

"It's a blessing at this point," Rolph said.

Comparing Milligan's Cost

So how does Milligan's cost for tuition compare with other colleges?

According to the annual Trends in College Pricing report compiled by the College Board, the average cost of attending a four-year private school, including tuition, fees, room and board, is approximately \$26,854. This figure, which was published a few weeks ago, has gone up about 5.7 percent in the last year.

The report also found the average cost of attending a private college or university, including room and board, in 2003 inflation-adjusted dollars, has risen approximately 35 percent over the past decade.

Milligan's average cost with inflation-adjusted dollars rose 45 percent over this time when comparing data provided in a financial summary report on tuition supplied by the business office.

Perhaps a better factor for comparison would be comparing Milligan's cost with other institutions that are members of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, where Milligan fares slightly more expensive than average.

The most recent findings in an ongoing study of tuition at CCCU schools was printed in the Nov. 1, 2002, edition of The Chronicle of Higher Education. This report compares costs of tuition and mandatory fees at CCCU schools, but not room and board, ranking schools from most expensive to least expensive.

Of the 100 colleges that participated in the 2002 to 2003 study, Milligan ranked as the 45th most expensive with a cost of \$14,340. This figure had risen approximately 8.2 percent from the previous academic year, when Milligan was ranked

47th of the 97 schools participating in the study that year.

By comparison, CCCU member institution King College, which is located in Bristol, Tenn., was ranked 36th most expensive of the 100 schools participating in the 2002 to 2003 study with a cost of \$15,034. This figure had risen approximately 12.7 percent from the previous academic year, when the college was ranked 45th most expensive of the 97 schools participating that year. CCCU member institution Montreat College, located in North Carolina, was ranked 59th most expensive in the 2002-2003 study with a cost of \$13,448. This figure rose approximately 9.2 percent from the previous academic year, when the college was ranked 62nd most expensive.

Cross country continued

First team All-Region 12

Women:	Men:
Marta Zimon	Sean Bowman
Megan Lease	Chris Wright
Lauren Gross	Shane Oakleaf
	Trevor Donovan

Second team All-Region 12

Women:	Men:
Amber Peace	Ted Dubois
	Jair Collie
	Josh Ferry

All-Conference (AAC)

Women:	Men:
Marta Zimon	Sean Bowman
Megan Lease	Chris Wright
Lauren Gross	Shane Oakleaf
	Trevor Donovan
	Ted Dubois
	Jair Collie

FYI: Tuition Terms

1. **TUITION**- "a fee charged for the credit hours pertaining to the teaching of the class," Webster says...Tuition is the fee for teaching." From Ron Garland, director of student accounts.

2. **ENDOWMENT**- "Funds or property donated to an institution, individual or group as a source of income." From Dictionary.com

3. **GRANT**- "A giving of funds for a specific purpose." From Dictionary.com

4. **INFLATION**- "a general and progressive increase in prices; in inflation everything gets more valuable except money." From WordNet

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Events planned for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Erin Blasinski
Managing Editor

The Milligan community will recognize Martin Luther King Jr. day with a series of activities beginning on Jan. 12 and continuing through Jan. 21.

"It's very appropriate to recognize and celebrate this day," said Dean of Students Mark Fox. "It is unique to the history of America and had importance worldwide so it is very appropriate for us to recognize this day as Christians."

Academic Dean Mark Matson said that the idea for recognizing the day was first brought up in the Academic Committee and then in the regular faculty meeting.

"Some of us had been discussing the need for some greater recognition of Martin Luther King Day for some time," Matson said, "but the issue really kind of arose with strong conviction this year as we reviewed the calendar for next year."

According to the faculty meeting minutes from Oct. 21, President Don Jeanes reported that a "committee will be formed to determine how the campus community can observe the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday."

Fox said that the plans came to him because student life will be involved with the day's activities. As stated in the faculty meeting minutes, a task force is to include representatives from among the faculty and minority students. Fox said

that students and interested faculty and staff were involved with brainstorming ideas.

Junior Deniece Kitchin is a member of the committee that helped plan the events for celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"I'm glad it's finally happening and I'm excited to be a part of it," Kitchin said.

The Milligan community will have the opportunity to reflect on the life of King throughout the week leading up to the national holiday set aside to remember him.

According to the schedule of events approved by the cabinet, several events will take place to honor King and African-American heritage.

During the week prior to the holiday, the *Eyes on the Prize* video series will be played in McCormick Dining Hall.

On Monday, students will be encouraged to go and observe the day with organizations in the surrounding area. Fox said that professors will be asked to pause during their class periods and observe the influence of Martin Luther King Jr.

On Tuesday, the fine arts area will be hosting an evening presentation dedicated to King and African American heritage.

No day classes will meet on Wednesdays. Instead, the day will begin with brunch, followed by a mandatory chapel/convocation credit. The service will be based on Maya Angelou's poem

"Still I Rise" and will include a presentation of the "I Have a Dream" speech.

Following chapel, Milligan students and faculty are encouraged to meet in the afternoon to serve in the community. Those who participate will receive a make-up chapel/convocation credit. Fox hopes that campus groups will take advantage of this opportunity to serve the community.

"We don't just want to take a day off, but for it to be reflective of Martin Luther King Jr.," Fox said.

Matson is encouraging faculty to be fully engaged with student in the various activities in the community. "This is not just a student thing, it is a campus event."

Kitchin said she hopes that students are excited about the opportunity to do service and will want to get involved in the day's events.

The planning committee of these events hopes it will be meaningful and far-reaching.

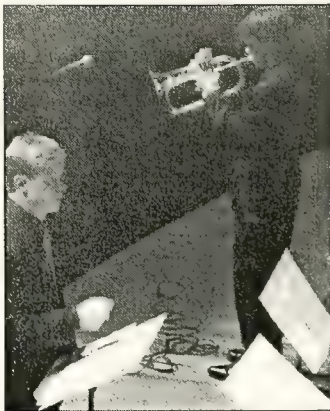
"This celebration on our campus is part of our Christian witness to the need for justice, equality and recognition that all people can and should play a part in our society," Matson said. "Especially since King was a Christian minister, and the civil rights movement arose out of Christian convictions, I think it is particularly important for the Milligan community."

Jazz Band to perform with Ellis Marsalis



The Milligan College Jazz Band showcases their trumpet section along with soloist Justin Stanton during their concert on Nov. 24 in Seeger Chapel.

-Photos by Hannah Bader



Paige Wassel
Editor-in-Chief

At the end of the Jazz Band concert in convocation on Nov. 25, Associate Professor of Music Rick Simerly announced that the group would be opening for jazz pianist Ellis Marsalis in a music festival next semester.

The festival, officially called the 12th annual "Ellis Marsalis Jazz Festival," will be held on the campus of the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Miss., from Nov. 13-15, 2004.

The jazz band will perform on Friday night and play 30 to 40 minutes of music, Simerly said.

Junior Melissa Ruhl, a saxophonist in the Jazz Band, said that she considered this opportunity to be an "honor."

"Considering the response we've had to our latest concert, I'm really looking forward to opening for such a great jazz legend," Ruhl said.

Simerly said that the band's reputation combined with his involvement in this festival over the past several years contributed to the band having this opportunity.

"The bottom line in the music business is who you know," Simerly said.

Simerly described the audience at this event as more "appreciative" of jazz music, which he said would add to the value of the performance for the students.

"I think it'll be one of the finest experiences these students could ever

encounter," Simerly said.

In January, the band will probably be utilizing vocalist Loretta Bowers again in their performance of the Gospel Medley and the song "Higher and Higher," Simerly said. She performed with the band at Milligan at a concert in convocation last semester.

Simerly said that the band will be performing at the festival for the first time.

Senior Loretta Bowers, a vocal soloist in the Jazz Band, said that she was excited to perform with the band.

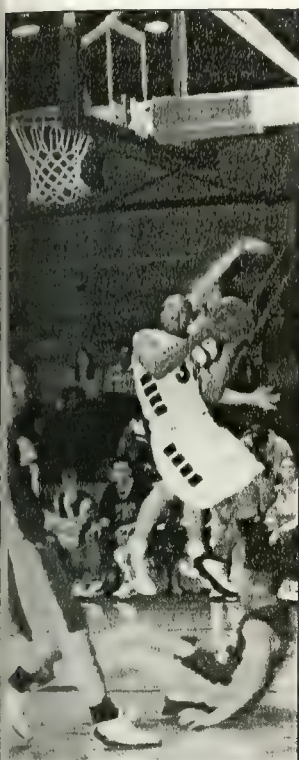
Boggs described this as a "great honor" with a trumpet emphasis, said he felt honored to play with the talented students of the jazz band.

"It's the most fun I've ever had in an ensemble," Boggs said. "I know that the expectations at the Ellis Marsalis concert are going to be high. I think that with the work we've done so far in our practices and performances, we're going to be well prepared for that."

Simerly said that the best way to purchase tickets for the event is to go online to groveparkinn.com. Tickets for individual events cost \$32, and the seating is arranged in cabaret style around tables. Simerly said that if individuals from Milligan were interested in sitting together as a group, they should e-mail him and he would look into that possibility.

Sports

Men's basketball wins one and loses two



Johnathon Harris takes out the ball during the home game against Cincinnati Bible College.

Photo by Diane Hostettler

Gene Renfro
Reporter

The Milligan men's basketball team opened the conference season Nov. 20 by beating Virginia Intermont 92-70. The win improved Milligan's record to 2-2 with a 1-0 conference record.

The Buffs opened the game with a 10-1 run in the first few minutes of play only to then allow VI to have a 10-2 run of their own.

During a stretch that saw both teams trade baskets, the momentum swung in favor of the Buffs, as freshman forward Bradley Blair added two points on a dunk late in the first half. The rest of the first half saw the two teams trade baskets as VI held a 42-38 halftime lead.

In the second half, Milligan sophomore forward JaKeith Hairston open the action with two quick baskets in under a minute to tie the game at 42 each. The Buffs regained the lead with 16:53 left in the game with a three-point basket from junior guard Eric Coggins. Milligan then extended the lead to 54-46 during a 12-0 run.

The Cobras could not come back, and Milligan pushed the lead to 13 points with just under seven minutes to go.

Senior forward Jonathon Harris led Milligan with 18 points with 10 rebounds. Other leading scorers for the Buffs were Coggins with 17, senior guard Michael

Morrell with 11 and junior point guard Scott Ferguson with 10.

On Nov. 22, The Buffs fell to Cincinnati Bible College 77-71.

The Buffs opened up a six to two lead with all six points scored by junior forward Craig Emmert. CBC then rallied back to take the lead 13-7.

Milligan held a halftime lead of 35-26.

CBC opened the second half, with an 11-4 run to close the gap.

CBC then took the lead. Milligan had chances to tie and win the game in the later stages but could not get the job done. The leading scorers for the Buffs were Morrell and Harris, both with 15, Coggins with 11, and junior forward Todd Davis with 10.

Milligan fell to Western Carolina 55-91 Saturday evening at Cullowhee, N.C. The loss dropped the Buffs' record to 2-4.

Leading the way for the Buffs in the loss was Morrell with 21 points and four rebounds. Other players with four rebounds during the game were Davis, Blair and Hairston.

Western Carolina shot 52 percent, while the Buffs shot 31 percent.

Milligan played Alice Lloyd College Thursday night, but stats were not available before production of *The Stampede*. The next game for Milligan will be Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Bryan College.



Junior Craig Emmert goes for a layup during the game against Cincinnati Bible College on Nov. 22.

Photo by Diane Hostettler

Cross country teams compete at nationals



Marta Zimon competed in the NAIA National Championships in Louisville.

Photo courtesy of Lauren Gross



The cross country team went to nationals for the first time since 1999.

by Tipton
Editor

The men's and women's cross country teams competed in the NAIA National Championships in Louisville on Nov. 22 where they took 21st and 22nd places, respectively.

This was Milligan's first trip to nationals since the beginning of the cross country program in 1999.

Even though the teams' goals were to be in the top 20, coach Chris Layne says they are happy with their finishes.

"Coming in we were the 28th seed on the men's side and 26th on the women's, so we finished 21st and 22nd respectively. It's very exciting," Layne said. "A lot of the guys struggled that day, so it was neat to see (Milligan) respond to a national cham-

pionship environment the way they did."

Sophomore Megan Lease ran a lifetime best 18:33 and finished 30th in the race, giving her All-American honors and leading the Lady Buffs.

Freshman Marta Zimon and junior Lauren Gross both finished in the top 75, and Gross posted a new lifetime best 19:15.

Layne said that Gross has taken four minutes off of her time since her freshman year, an improvement that is unheard of in cross country running.

"Lauren is the last girl I worry about when the gun goes off," Layne said. "She

keeps her cool and always does what's expected."

Lease said she's excited about the team's potential for her final two seasons.

"I definitely think we've reached a new level of competition. I think next year we'll be looking to improve on our 22nd finish at nationals. It's exciting to be a part of a team that's moving forward and making improvements each year."

-Megan Lease

"I definitely think we've reached a new level of competition," Lease said. "I think next year we'll be looking to

improve on our 22nd finish. It's exciting to be a part of a team that's moving forward and making improvements each year."

Freshman Scott Bowman led the Buffs with a 49th place finish, and sophomore Chris Wright finished 49th.

Layne said he thinks this year's success will lead to an even stronger cross country program.

"There's no doubt these teams are going to improve," Layne said. "We've already decided we can't be satisfied with just getting to the national meet. Recruiting is going well and we're starting to hear from (runners) that may not have considered Milligan two years ago."

Sports



Junior Ginny White goes for a basket in the game against Berry College on Nov. 14

-Photo courtesy Elizabeth Henter

MILLIGAN'S JANUARY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan 8- Brevard College* 7:30
 Jan 10- Covenant College* 7:30
 Jan 13- Tennessee Wesleyan College* Home 7:30
 Jan 17- Covenant College* Home 7:30
 Jan 20- UVA-Wise* 7:30
 Jan 22- Bluefield College* 7:30
 Jan 24- Bryan College* Home 7:30
 Jan 27- Union College* 7:30
 Jan 29- Montreat College* Home 7:30

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan 6- Berca Away 5:00
 Jan 8- Brevard* Away 5:30
 Jan 10- Covenant* Away 5:30
 Jan 13- TN Wesleyan* Home 5:30
 Jan 15- Pikeville Home 7:00
 Jan 17- Covenant* Home 5:30
 Jan 20- UVA-Wise* Away 5:30
 Jan 22- Bluefield* Away 5:30
 Jan 24- Bryan* Home 5:30
 Jan 27- Union* Away 5:30
 Jan 29- Montreat* Home 5:30
 Jan 31- Virginia Intermont* Home 5:30

*denotes AAC games

Fall Sports Q&A

Information compiled by Erin Blasinski

Fall sports coaches Q&A:

Marty Manning, men's basketball

David Dixon, women's basketball

Chris Layne, men's basketball

Q: Please describe the season overall.

Dixon: We had a tough season with many tough players. We had a good number of injuries and a lot of games that were very close. We had a lot of games that were very close and a lot of games that were very close.

Shirley: We had a good season.

Layne: It was a good season.

Shirley: We had a good season. This was the first year we had both teams to nationals.

Q: Did the team meet your expectations this year?

Dixon: At the end of the year we were the team that I expected us to be.

Shirley: We never achieved our goal of winning the conference and going to the regional tournament. However, we have been men of character and this outweighs any wins.

Layne: Each team sat down at the beginning and set goals. Both teams achieved all their goals.

Q: What were the team goals? Were they met?

Dixon: We had several team goals and met some of them and didn't quite accomplish some of the others. Our biggest goal was to make it to the National Tournament and we fell a little short.

Shirley: Our goals were to win the conference and go to the regional tournament. We did not meet them.

Layne: Our goals were to win conference, region and to make it to nationals.

Q: Were there any outstanding players who led the team all year?

Dixon: Bianca Spoto and Kim Morris were great all year for us. The entire team playing together at the end of the season was the reason for our success.

Shirley: Ali Mohamed was conference player of the year. Brian and Steven and Ali made first team. David Lilly made 2nd team and Justin Fuller made 3rd team. Eric made Academic All-American NALA and NSCAA. Eric and Justin Ruetz made the AAC Academic team.

Layne: The men were led by Sean Bowman and Chris Wright, as well as senior captain Shane Oakleaf. The women were led by Maria Zimon, Megan Lease and Lauren Gross. Megan finished 30th at nationals and earned All-American honors, while Maria was our conference and region MVP. She also had the school record for 3-pointers.

Q: What are your goals for next year?

Dixon: We want to improve on our finish at nationals this year. If recruiting goes well, we'll set our sights on top 10 next year.

Layne: To improve on our finish at nationals this year. If recruiting goes well, we'll set our sights on top 10 next year.

Women's basketball loses to Tusculum

Mandi Mooney

Web Administrator

The Lady Buffs suffered another loss Tuesday at Tusculum College with a final score of 69-80. Milligan led by 14 points at halftime, but Tusculum came back in the second half to win.

Sophomore Kari Stout led the Buffs with 25 points. Freshman Kacie Letterman added 12, and junior Ann Marie Gardner contributed 10. Junior Lacy York had nine rebounds.

The Lady Buffs record is now 0-6 and 0-1 in the Appalachian Athletic conference. They traveled to Alice Lloyd College on Thursday, but stats were not available before the production of *The Stamped*. The team will travel to Bryan College on Saturday.

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News

Church attendance high among student body

By **Ge Wassel, Mandi Mooney**
Editor-in-Chief, Web Administrator

According to the results of a recent survey conducted by *The Stampede*, a majority of Milligan College students attend church "frequently."

Of the 227 students that participated in the survey, 204 students responded that they did attend church. Of this number, 188 students responded that they attended church "frequently."

Campus Minister Nathan Flora said he found the survey results to be surprising. He said that a similar survey done in 2001 and showed that approximately 75 to 80 percent of the student body attended church on a weekly basis.

Flora said that being a member of a

humanities lecture. A drop box and survey forms were also available outside the cafeteria for a week for other students that wished to participate. Of the 227 students that responded, 148 were female and 79 were male.

The survey defined "going to church" as "attending either Sunday morning or Saturday night services at a church."

In addition to those students that said they attend church frequently, 25 students said they attended church "occasionally" and 11 students said they attended church "rarely." Of the 204 students that said they attend church, 146 students said they attend four times per month, 44 students said they attend three times per month, 13 students said they attend two times per month and one student said they go once per month.

Of the students that responded that church attendance was important to them, many students said that they valued this time for Christian fellowship, worship and spiritual growth. A few students said that Sunday services were not important to them because they did not like the

"The ways in which the college takes seriously its Christian commitment through various programs all work to influence the student community and cultivate the same church-going climate that exists among the employees."

-Nathan Flora

which the college takes seriously its Christian commitment through various programs all work to influence the student community and cultivate the same church-going climate that exists among the employees," Flora

In November, staff members from *Stampede* passed out the church survey in several classes, including two Old Testament Bible classes, three Christ and are sections and at a sophomore

structure of such services, they did not feel that they could worship in this setting or they had not found a local church they could identify with.

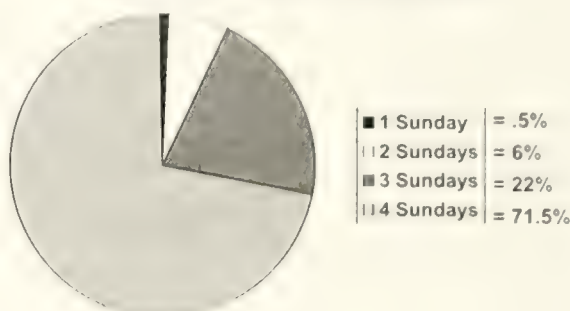
Flora said that the college is committed to encouraging students to attend church but, because a large number of students currently attend, no program has been put in place to foster church attendance.

"I know that (church attendance) is

CHURCH VS. NON-CHURCH ATTENDANCE OF THOSE SURVEYED



WEEKLY CHURCH ATTENDANCE



taken seriously in the hiring process of employees," Flora said. "As long as we continue to model this behavior among employees and take our Christian commit-

ment seriously, I believe that a high number of graduates and high number of current students attending church services will be a regular occurrence."

The mother of all controversies: New scholarship arouses discussion on stipulations

By **Ge Wassel**

Editor

Since its introduction via the fall *Milligan Magazine*, a new scholarship led by 11 recent Milligan graduates has been a hot topic of discussion in many places on campus.

Titled by its 11 alumni creators, "The Mother Of All Scholarships" is a \$250 store credit for the recipient's final semester.

According to the *Milligan Magazine*, the scholarship "is intended for a senior majoring in business or accounting. Funds are to be used to purchase books during the student's last year at Milligan."

Vice President for Institutional Advancement Todd Norris said the alumni who created the scholarship, "all lived in the same house and they want to help current Milligan students similar to themselves."

The controversy surrounding the scholarship is grounded in its stipulations. Applicants must be senior males who live in the same house as the benefactors. Some think it is unfair to be so restrictive.

One member of the faculty who

wished to remain anonymous said, "The Mother of All Scholarships flies in the face of the Milligan College mission statement."

The missions statement reads, "As a Christian liberal arts college, Milligan College seeks to honor God by educating men and women to be servant-leaders."

The faculty member said that the words "servant-leaders" are mocked by the scholarship.

Several members of the faculty and staff have expressed concern about the scholarship but did not wish to comment.

Kegley Associate Professor of Economics and Business Chair Bill Greer pointed out that not everyone is qualified for every scholarship, and The Mother Of All Scholarships is no more exclusive than scholarships determined by major, gender or county.

"That's just the way scholarships are," said Robert Mahan, Associate Professor of Accounting. "It was their choice to do that."

According to Norris, the benefactors of the scholarship developed a brochure that "reflected their views (about the scholarship)."

"I think it is intended to be a funny thing," Norris said.

One of the biggest complaints about the scholarship is how it was first introduced through the brochure the graduates made and submitted to the Advancement Office.

"I think the big issue is the brochure," said Norris. "It was stated exclusively instead of inclusively," Norris said. "As far as I know, they are not being exclusive. They are being inclusive to people who have a similar Milligan experience. They are wanting to reach out to students who think like they do."

Norris said that the brochure, which is no longer being used by the advancement office, was not written by anyone at the college, so it did not hold the sensitivity that most scholarships written by the college have. The Advancement Office plans on creating a new brochure for distribution.

"The stipulations here are more extensive," Norris said.

Mahan said that such stipulations are a customary thing.

"It's the way you have to do it to make sure the money goes to the people you want it to," Mahan said.

Norris feels there has been a "misinterpretation of the intent" of the scholarship.

"The motivation is that they are very recent graduates—young adults that want to give back. They really want to help current Milligan students."

Norris said that when the alumni presented the scholarship to the Advancement Office, it was thoroughly conceived.

"The Advancement Office didn't want to be discouraging, but probably should not have given them the leeway," Norris said.

Norris said he did not "anticipate the level of concern" the scholarship has brought.

According to the *Milligan Magazine*, to apply for the Mother Of All Scholarships, males must "submit an essay on the topic of the benefactors' choosing. The benefactors, in consultation with the business faculty, will then select the recipient."

See page 6 for an opinion piece and the applicant requirements for The Mother of All Scholarships.

Prejudice discussion sparks questions: *How is the issue of homosexuality dealt with on campus?*

Janisha Bethune
Reporter

Earlier this semester, a discussion on prejudice in the freshman course *College and Calling* turned to the subject of homosexuality.

In this class, Bertram Allen, chair, reared of social learning and professor of psychology, discussed Romans 2:1, which e paraphrased as saying that if we've eken part of the law, we've broken all e law.

"That means all of us are, in fact, gays and lesbians. Therefore, we need to be eful how we judge one another and we eed to extend our grace to gays and les- ians," Allen said.

Allen went on to state that homosex- ality was not the only issue to be dis- ssed in interpreting that verse.

His point was that all are sinners and at no matter what issues we struggle ith, we don't have the right to label other's sin as being worse than our own. llen said that he thought some students ere upset by his comments.

The issue of homosexuality is preva- nt in the world today. In the past month th state and federal courts have debated vil rights in gay marriages.

On Nov. 18, the Massachusetts upreme Judicial Court ruled to allow gay arriages, and on Nov. 3 the first openly ay bishop was consecrated in the piscopal Church.

"This issue is not going to go away," id Lori Mills, associate professor of psy- nology.

And it's an issue that will not go away t Milligan, either. The subject has been nsidered from the counseling, minister- l and administrative viewpoints by facul- y and staff of the campus community.

Campus Minister Nathan Flora, Allen nd Mills agree that, statistically, it is robable that there are homosexuals with- t the Milligan community.

Mills acknowledges that Milligan is a mall community, but said that many oung adults explore their identity, which cludes their sexuality.

"I think there are people here that are ealing with that," Mills said.

John Paul Abner, assistant professor

of occupational therapy and psychology, said that he is not aware of any homosex- ual students on campus.

"Do I believe that some people have exhibited homosexual behavior? Yes ... however, that doesn't mean sexual orientation," Abner said.

COUNSELING PERSPECTIVE

Milligan offers counseling for stu- dents, and such sessions are confidential with only a few exceptions.

"Confidentiality has limits," Allen said. "I tell my clients in the beginning I can ensure confidentiality unless several conditions are present. Unless you are a threat to harm or kill somebody or your- self, I can assure that nothing will be said to anyone about what we're talk- ing about."

Besides Allen, Mills and Abner are the other counselors on campus. Mills is currently on sabbatical and will return in January.

Mills said she has counseled at least one homo- sexual at Milligan in the past, and Allen said he has also had experience counseling homosexuals.

"In my 25 years, I have only encoun- tered one gay male but many gay female (students)," Allen said. "I probably saw only one gay male because gay men, for any reason, don't like to talk about it."

Abner said he has not counseled a homosexual client.

"My specialty is anxiety disorders, homosexuality is not my field; therefore, I would refer them to someone else," he said.

According to the American Psychological Association's ethical stan- dards, counselors are required to follow the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct in which the unfair dis- crimination section states:

"In their work-related activities, (counselors) do not engage in unfair dis-

crimination based on age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, culture, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, dis- ability, socioeconomic status, or any handicap proscribed by law."

It is unethical for a counselor to try to change a client's sexual orientation.

"I can't do reorientation work because it's considered discrimination, according to the APA's ethical guidelines," Abner said.

Allen said that as a counselor, he does not attempt to reform anybody.

"I will support them in what they do. I see (my clients) as competent, intelligent and capable of making good decisions," Allen said.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Milligan must also look at homo- sexuality from a biblical and min- istry perspective, something that Flora has consid- ered.

Flora said he has not counseled any homosexual students but he would be willing to meet them.

Philip Kenneson, associate professor of theology and philosophy, said that homo- sexuality as an issue changes when talking with people, not just about the issue.

"We're always talking about some- thing called 'the homosexuality issue,' and best I can tell, most Christians have had very few, if any conversations with people who are gay and lesbian—many of whom consider themselves to be brothers and sisters in Christ," Kenneson said.

Keneson said that when counseling students on serious issues, he tries to help them to be honest with themselves, and consider God's grace and Christian disci- pleship.

Both Kenneson and Jeff Miller, assis- tant professor of Bible, try to counsel stu- dents in areas where they specifically ask for help.

Miller said that if he was asked, he would share his opinion that homosexu-

ality is always depicted as a negative issue when mentioned in the Bible.

He said many people are uncomfortable with one-on-one conversations about the topic, but him or her interpret scripture and answer the individual's questions.

Miller said that the campus counseling he would direct to students is a professional.

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSPECTIVE

At Milligan, the issue of homosexuality must also be discussed from an adminis- trative perspective.

Mark Fox, vice president for student development, said that disciplinary sexual immorality violations could range from counseling to dismissal as outlined in the Student Handbook.

Academic Dean and Assistant Profes- sor of Bible Mark Matson said that adultery, premarital sex and homosexual activity would all "be equally viewed as inappro- priate (as sexual immorality violations)."

ACCEPTANCE ON CAMPUS

Mills, Abner and Flora agree that gay and lesbian students on campus would feel somewhat uncomfortable here for a num- ber of reasons, but they would hope that the students would find the same grace from Milligan's faculty and students that heterosexual students receive.

Allen was not as optimistic on the idea of acceptance.

"Yes, (gays and lesbians would be wel- come on campus) as long as we don't know they are gay or lesbian," Allen said.

However, Allen, Mills, Abner and Flora all agree that if homosexual students attend Milligan, they enroll because they have the same goals as heterosexual stu- dents—opportunity and a Christian educa- tion.

"There are a number of reasons why gay and lesbian students would attend Milligan," Mills said. "If someone's uncomfortable with that identity, this is somewhere they might not be tempted to act on it. There are people who struggle with that issue, but still want to learn about the Bible and have strong Christian friends. They are like other students; they just have a different struggle."

Additional quotes and interviews provided by reporter Mary Stephens.

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-Philip Kenneson

Halo Frenzy: Social Affairs hosts first video game tournament

Janisha Veasey
Social Affairs Co-chair, guest columnist

Do you ever wonder where all the guys of Milligan College are hiding out all night every night?

The answer is obvious—they are busy playing *Halo*!

It's sweeping the campus, and now the girls are getting in on it too. In an effort to host new events that are more appealing to the general student body, SGA Social Affairs hosted the first ever X-Box *Halo* tournament on Nov. 21 in the SUB.

The event was a huge undertaking and went off with even better success than the committee had imagined.

While "*Halo*" is the buzzword around the men's residence halls, it seems to be some secret society that kept Milligan guys fixated on the television screen after night.

So Social Affairs went on a search to discover the appeal of *Halo*. At first it

seemed to be just another video game, but this is not your momma's Mario. *Halo* is played not on the old school Nintendo, but on the Microsoft X-Box.

Although the title might suggest a heavenly sort of game, *Halo* actually takes place on an alien planet.

The player becomes a robot out to discover the secrets of the puzzling world filled with transporters, varying levels, and hidden rooms.

The game offers multiple scenarios, scenes and armaments. With multiple TV screens, X-Boxes, and Ethernet cords, virtually an unlimited number of players can play at the same time.

In the Social Affairs tournament, the game was played with teams of four, each using two televisions in separate rooms. The teams played capture the flag on the Wizard level, and the first team to retrieve five flags won the game.

A total of six teams entered the double elimination tournament, including a

tough team of women.

The brackets were made by an outside source, Jonathan Feathers, to insure a pure competition. Beginning promptly at 10 p.m., the tournament lasted a total of two and a half hours.

The winners were the notorious Kegley boys Josh Callaway, Travis Deyton, Matt Joseph, and Andrew King. Each of these guys received a \$25 gift certificate to any store in The Mall at Johnson City, a prize totaling \$100!

In an upset, a group of freshmen from Webb took second place. That team included Justin Ciralsky, Chris Covey, Ryan Morris, and Ryan Reynolds. The team received a few parting gifts which included Checkers, Old Maid, playing cards, and Playdough.

The evening was an awesome event for Social Affairs, and will hopefully be repeated in the spring. Over 60 people were involved in the night either as participants or supporters.

Social Affairs provided pizza, chips, cookies and drinks for the participants. The committee worked very hard to put this together and should all be commended for their work.

Josh Callaway headed up the setup crew who worked for an hour and half to get all the televisions and X-Boxes connected.

The IT department donated four Ethernet cords for the event as well. Without the help of all the committee members and IT, this tournament would have never happened.

Social Affairs has a more dynamic committee this year than ever, and their enthusiasm was spotlighted with their event.

The success of the *Halo* Tournament (and all the events of this semester) can only leave the Milligan College community dreaming about the grandeur of Wonderful Wednesday 2004!

Opinion

You know it's the end of the semester...

Erin Blasinski
Managing Editor

The end of the semester is almost upon us. In fact, we have just one week to go. I am always amazed at how quickly it comes around. One day I'm at Wal-Mart with my roommate buying toilet paper and food for the beginning of the semester and the next day we're putting up Christmas lights and packing up everything to go home for Christmas break. I guess time flies when you're having fun.

Over the past two and a half years of my college experience, I have noticed several landmarks that signify the end of the fall semester. Of course there are always finals and the stress that accompanies studying for hours in hopes of getting an A, but I have come to the conclusion that there are at least 10 ways to tell that the end of the semester is fast approaching.

Maybe you can relate to one or more of these, and I'm sure that you could come up with your own list, but these are just a few of the things that I find myself laughing about at the end of each semester.

1. The cereal options in the cafeteria dwindle to Crispix, Rice Krispies and Fruit Loops for the last week of school. This is an unfortunate thing because if there is nothing that I want to eat on the main line, cereal is the next option.

2. Pre-bills are sent home just in time for Christmas. Merry Christmas, Mom and Dad. I owe \$5,000 before I can register in January.

3. Mass e-mails are sent, begging for rides home to Indiana, Ohio and Florida. Helping to pay for gas is always the deciding factor.

4. No more time for play because studying gets harder. Trying to study for three finals that are on the same day is not an easy thing.

5. The line between asleep and awake becomes blurrier as studying continues into the early hours of the morning. And just in case you didn't know, this is not a good thing because your brain does not have time to process the information you just crammed into your brain.

6. Items such as macaroni and cheese, generic Halloween candy and ramen are labeled "free" and placed in the hallways for anyone who wants them.

7. There's a lack of toilet paper in the restrooms around campus because many don't find it necessary to buy toilet paper for one week, so instead they use the toilet paper in the restrooms.

8. The cafeteria turns into a mess of food and trash.

9. Students packing up leaving Milligan add to the number of mass e-mails by selling refrigerators, microwaves and computers.

10. Last, but certainly not least, if it's the end of the fall semester, basketball season begins. I love college basketball. Go Duke! Oh, and go Buffs too!

Catching Potomac Fever: Veasey realizes dream of living in the nation's capital

Courtney Ruth
Reporter

She's cute, intelligent and full of life. Her favorite color is pink, and she is about to storm Washington, D.C. No, it is not Elle Woods of "Legally Blonde 2." It is Milligan College's own Melanie Veasey.

"I am ready to rock my white, little, Christian world," Veasey said.

This active junior is acting out a dream by living in the nation's capital next semester. She has wanted to live in Washington, D.C. since she was a young girl, so when her academic advisor Bert Allen suggested an internship through the American Studies Program (ASP), Veasey jumped at the opportunity.

Allen approached Veasey with the opportunity at the beginning of her sophomore year. Combining her excitement and determination to be one of the 40 students accepted, she sent her application in early but had to wait almost an entire year before she found out she had been accepted.

Veasey will be working 20 to 25 hours a week at the Children's Law Center to earn 16 hours of college credit. Veasey, who is majoring in public leadership and service with a minor in legal studies, said she wants to be a child advocate. She is unsure if she wants to approach the job more from a law or a social science angle.

"Hopefully this will help me work some of that out," Veasey said.

For all the excitement she is feeling, Veasey is also nervous. After living in South Carolina, her family moved to the Johnson City area when she was seven years old. Because of that, she feels at home here at Milligan. Interning in Washington D.C. will be all new faces for

Veasey.

Another difference for Veasey will be how she gets around. In order to drive a car in Washington, D.C., an individual must be a resident of the area for at least one year. This leaves Veasey to rely on the Metro in order to get around.

"It's a big change from what I'm used to," Veasey said.

One of the challenges she will face at the Children's Law Center is dealing with the liberal child advocates. Veasey, who is a conservative, said that will be a good opportunity to learn how to "incorporate Christian values into work."

Veasey said she chose to participate in the internship her junior year because of her heavy involvement in school and the local area. She is a resident assistant for Sutton Hall, co-chair of social affairs and an intern at First Christian Church in Johnson City.

"I want to spend my senior year here," Veasey said.

The opportunity will not cost Veasey more than she currently pays for school. She will have to pay Milligan tuition, about \$500 for her application and deposit fee, and for food and transportation. Her semester is also two weeks shorter than Milligan's, lasting from Jan. 19 to April 30.

ASP is a part of bestsemester.com, an organization that offers internships around the world in a variety of vocations.



Think 'The Mother of All Scholarships' is ridiculous? You ain't seen nothing yet

J. Ann Tipton
Copy Editor

Do you know anyone whose last name is "Zolp"? Neither do I. I really wish it was on my birth certificate, though. If I had been born into a Catholic family named Zolp, I'd be finishing up my fourth year of tuition-free higher education at Loyola University in Chicago thanks to a scholarship called The Zolp Scholarship.

That's right. Believe it or not, there are scholarships out there that are even sillier than The Mother of All Scholarships.

Take, for example, The Fat Scholarship. According to a short summary about this grant, overweight high school seniors from New England are eligible for this \$500 award. Applicants write responses to questions about his or her "attitude toward fat people and size acceptance."

Another example is David Letterman, who supports the students at his alma mater, Ball State University, through a scholarship named for the late-night entertainer. The talk show host didn't put a grade requirement on his scholarship, but instead wanted to support average students like him.

One of Ball State's telecommunications classrooms is dedicated to Letterman. A plaque hangs outside of the classroom with his thoughts on supporting students.

"To All C-Students Before Me and After Me -David Letterman."

The Lefty Scholarship is another that, although shrouded in folklore, really does exist at Juniata College in Pennsylvania. Left-handed students with sufficient grades can apply for the \$1,000 Frederick and Mary Beckley Scholarship. Ambidextrous students are eligible as well. Although not much is known about the Beckleys, they were definitely lefties.

*"...it's their money,
and they should
be able to dictate
exactly what they
want done with it."*

So the fact that 11 young Milligan graduates have set up an annual scholarship for guys just like themselves really isn't all that uncommon. I've heard rumblings through the grapevine that some are upset with the scholarship's requirements and the fact that it excludes several groups of people. In fact, I'm one of those people who is excluded from being awarded the scholarship on several points.

I'm of the opinion that the benefactors of this scholarship should be able to put whatever stipulations on the scholarship they'd like. When it all comes down to it, it's their money, and they should be able to dictate exactly what they want done with it.

Maybe some day I'll be able to support students just like me with a scholarship.

Requirements for applicants for The Mother of All Scholarship

1. Student must be a rising senior and have completed one full year at Milligan
2. Student must live in Kegley Hall
3. Student's overall GPA must not be below 2.25 or exceed 3.69
4. Student must be an applied finance and accounting major OR business administration major
5. Student must submit an essay on a topic determined by the benefactor and list extracurricular activities
6. Student may be a member of the basketball, baseball, golf or tennis teams

Art

Spinning the Blues

He sits there on his wooden chair his baseball cap resting a shadow on his be-glassed face which in turn is covered with a smattering of gray fuzz that though restrained to the genteel confines of a chiseled edge, does little to restrain the aged trenches that dig deep into a visage that does little to hide a painful barren hag-ness. This wasteland is oddly crowned by a glut of dirty-blonde hair that rests mock-ly on bowed shoulders, this dirty-blonde mess casually taunt-its gray cousins as if it alone holds firmly to a vanishing thfulness that is fruitlessly screaming for a speedy resurrec-

His voice carries torturedly for many yards, the silver rophone transporting to already ravaged ears splitting lyrical is of Dave Matthews, whose teeth must by now be set on r edges as the soon-to-be-defrocked Takamine guitar does its to bear the stupored tone, jaunt, and passion that though thew-esque in form, is the most unflattering imitation of a youthful and vivaciously talented performer.

And then he sings the Blues. No. Perhaps the more exact ment is this: the Blues sing him. They pick up this haggard, nken soul by the dog-eared strings that only loosely hold him ether and they lift him soaring past our ears and into that quiet ce between our mind and heart, nestling there, gently.

These Blues, they sing my song. They bring honestly to the rim of my frothy, malt-ife the words that my tongue does not yet know how to articulate. They wail about angst-ridden travails of today while brushing ever so gently over the sallow bile of orrow. They sing of a God who often seems more distant than present, more absent a at hand, more vacant than here. They sing of my pain, our pain, the pain that spills n our hands to our feet and then onto the spread of this life, this life that treadmills eadily -- on, on, and on. But these blues also sing another song. They sing of a kind a, a kind man and his song; a song to the poor, a melody to those in prison, those blind a, those who are oppressed. These Blues, they sing MY song, and this man, he sings

to me.

As I reflect on these Blues, the Blues that befittingly replace our painful troubles with a Mathew-esque diatribe, I am comfortingly reminded of my friend Julie's kind words. She writes:

As the body is clad in clothes, and the flesh in the skin and the bones in the flesh, and the heart in the whole, so are we clothed body and soul, in the goodness of God and enfolded in it.

"What Julie sees is the eternal, embracing presence of a Father who presents Himself as a melody to the songless, a life to the verveless, and the eternal resolution that nestles at the threshold of that invasive Bluesy note."

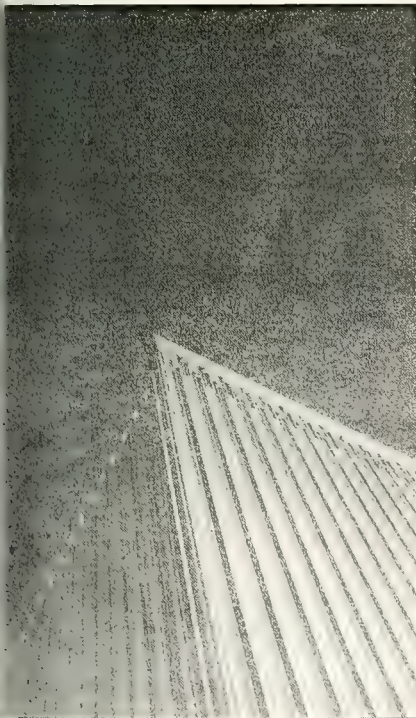
What Julie sees (and I have the hardest time com- prehending), is the eternal, embracing presence of a Father who presents Himself as a melody, to the song- less, a life to the verveless, and the eternal resolution that nestles at the threshold of that invasive Bluesy note. He is indeed well acquainted with poverty, hardship, de- vision and exploitation. The Lord of the Blues is able to sing along with you, with me, with us. He is indeed a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, and to all who dare to listen, He affirms gently what Julie says so well when she writes:

And when we have fallen, through frailty or blind- ness, then our courteous Lord touches us: "rise and walk."

us. And then he wills that we should see our wretchedness and humbly acknowledge it. But it is not his will that we should stay like this, nor does he will that we should bury ourselves too much with self-accusation; nor is it his will that we should despise our- selves. But he wills that we should quickly turn to him. He is quick to clasp us to him- self, for we are his joy and his delight, and he is our salvation and life.

We are held close, and He will not let us go, no matter how deep the Blues run.

-This piece was submitted by a member of the Milligan Community who wishes to remain anonymous. The quotes from the friend Julie are the work of author Julian Norwich from the book Enfolded in Love.



STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY



Photos from left, clockwise, submitted by:
Hannah Bader (left)
Bre Shelton (top 2)
Theron Humphrey (above)

The Stampede accepts submissions of original student work, including short stories, poetry, essays, photography, art and other mediums. If interested, e-mail us at stampede@milligan.edu

News

Spring production auditions announced

Auditions for the ETSU/Milligan College collaborative production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance" will be held Jan. 12-14. The first two nights of auditions will take place in the Bud Frank Theatre at ETSU. The final night, auditions will be held in SUB7 in the McMahan Student Center.

Auditions are open to any ETSU or Milligan student and no previous experience is necessary. Performances will be April 1-4 at the VA Memorial Theatre in Johnson City.

Auditions will be conducted in groups of eight, and a sign-up list is posted on the theatre callback board on the first floor of Derthick Hall. Each auditionee will be asked to sing 32 bars of a prepared song (an accompanist will be provided), do a cold reading from the script and perform a short dance combination that will be taught during the audition time.

Callbacks will be Jan. 15, 7-9 p.m. Rehearsals will begin Jan. 22.

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE
Press Release

East Tennessee State University Division of Theatre (Bobby Funk, chair) and Department of Music (Dr. Mary Dave Blackman, chair), in collaboration with Milligan College Theatre (Richard Major, chair) and Music (John Wakefield, chair), will conduct auditions for the Gilbert and Sullivan classic "The Pirates of Penzance" on Monday, January 12, Tuesday, January 13 at the Bud Frank Theatre on the ETSU campus and Wednesday, January 14 in SUB 7, located in the McMahan Student Center on the Milligan campus. Auditions are open to any ETSU or Milligan student and no previous experience is necessary. Auditions are also open to members of the community with the understanding that in all cases preference will be given to ETSU and Milligan students.

Auditionees will audition in groups of eight and must sign up for an audition

time. Auditions will be from 7:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m. each evening. Sign-ups are posted on the callboards outside the Bud Frank Theatre and on the first floor of Derthick Hall at Milligan. Callbacks will be on Thursday, January 15 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Bud Frank Theatre. Each group of eight will be given one hour to do the following: sing 32 bars of a prepared song (an accompanist will be provided), do a cold reading from the script, and a short dance combination that will be taught during the audition time. Two copies of the script have been placed on the reserve shelves at the ETSU and Milligan libraries and will be available after December 1 for auditionees to peruse.

Rehearsals will begin Thursday, January 22 and production dates are April 1-4 at the VA Theatre. The production will be under the direction of Richard Major, Professor of Theatre and Chair of the Area of Performing, Visual and

Communicative Arts at Milligan. General direction will be by Dr. Robert Lee, Assistant Professor of Music at ETSU. Principal Vocalist Direction will be by John Wakefield, Associate Professor of Music at Milligan. Musical Consultant will be Dr. Rosanne Hackitt, Assistant Professor of Music at ETSU, and the choreography will be under the direction of Pam Hurley.

Additional assistance with the orchestra will be provided by Dr. Kelvin Brown of Milligan. Set and stage design will be by Melissa Shafer, costume design by Karen Brewster, and lighting design will be by Scott Hardy.

Milligan College and East Tennessee State University do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national or ethnic origin, religious or political affiliation.

Final
Exam
Schedule
Fall 2003

Exam date/time	Normal meeting time/day	Location
Monday, Dec. 8, 2003		
8:00-10:00	8:00 a.m. MWF	Classroom
10:30-12:30	HUMN 101S	Hyder; Lower Seeger
1:30-3:30	8:00 a.m. TR	Classroom
4:00-6:00	9:30 a.m. TR	Classroom
Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003		
8:00-10:00	BIBL 471 Christ & Culture BIBL 123 Old Testament	Derthick 207, 208, 209, 210 Hyder (J. Miller) Wilson (L. Magness) Derthick 202 (Ramsaran)
10:30-12:30	12:20 p.m. MWF	Classroom
1:30-3:30	11:15 a.m. MWF	Classroom
4:00-6:00	3:35 p.m. MWF	Classroom
Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003		
8:00-10:00	1:25 p.m. MWF	Classroom
10:30-12:30	9:05 a.m. MWF	Classroom
1:30-3:30	2:10 p.m. TR	Classroom
4:00-6:00	3:40 p.m. TR	Classroom
Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003		
8:00-10:00	10:10 a.m. MWF	Classroom
10:30-12:30	12:40 p.m. TR	Classroom
1:30-3:30	2:30 p.m. MWF	Classroom

Students react to newly implemented class nights

- "I thought it was very worthwhile and good entertainment. It was well planned so I don't think any
- Breckyn Bishop, freshman
- "I thought it was a waste of time because nothing had really been planned beforehand for the second freshman night. It was very unorganized."
- Amanda Porter, freshman
- "I think that it's a good idea and it's really cool that we can sit through a movie instead of having to go to convo."
- Becky Waruszewski, sophomore
- "I thought it was a great opportunity for us to have options, especially for people who are sick and can't make it to chapel or convo on the regular days. An idea would be to have all the nights open to everyone, not to just certain classes."
- Tori Gronewald, sophomore
- "They should have made it more clear that the nights applied to both convo and chapel. Also, they might try having it on different nights for people who go to church on Sunday nights."
- Katrina Hayes, sophomore
- "I saw the movie *Signs* and I think it is very beneficial since they kind of guided us to get the same out of it that we would get out of convo. They should give us food and drinks at the movies too!"
- Jeremy Young, junior
- Information gathered by Mandi Mooney

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New ID scanners replace chapel cards

Courtney Ruth
Student Life Editor

Students returned to convocation Jan. 20 to find Milligan had updated its technology by replacing card punches with devices called Palms that scan student identification cards.

"There's a big grand scheme in all of this," Academic Dean Mark Matson said.

According to Matson, the ultimate goal is to move to a swipe card technology, which could replace everything from keys to enter buildings to coins for vending machines. Matson said the school is going half way with the new scanners to see how the technology works and also because of restricted funds.

The scanner costs from \$1,000 to \$2,000, a new Palm ranges from \$69 to \$499 each and the software costs an additional \$60. Milligan purchased four Palms and four software packages.

Not everyone in the community is excited about the changes.

"I think there are more important things Milligan could have spent the money on," sophomore Allison Murray said.

Murray, who lives in a room with a leaky roof that has yet to be fixed, does not think the school has its financial priorities in order.

Other students were encouraged by the new technology.

"(The scanners are) a step in the right direction," said sophomore Jaime McConnell.

Problems occurred during the first week of services with getting some stu-

dents' cards to scan. According to Tracee Johnson, Milligan's database administrator who set up the program, the ink color keeps some of the cards from registering.

Dean of Students Mark Fox said cards that are not scanning can be taken to the registrar and exchanged for new ones. If a card does not register on the Palm or if a student forgets to bring his or her card to a service, the student's social security number can be entered on the Palm.

Johnson set the software up so the information is sent to a Microsoft Access database when the Palm is plugged into the computer. This process of syncing the information is done after each service. At the end of the semester, a query will give out the number of days a student both attended and missed convocation or chapel.

For students, there is no way to keep track of the number of services attended except by keeping a personal record.

"The best thing to do is go to all of them," Fox said.

The scanners are the result of a year's worth of looking for a replacement to the card punchers. According to Fox, one of the reasons for the new technology is to keep students from having to keep track of so many cards.

Fox also said the scanners will be more accurate by eliminating the problem of handing students who lost their card.

The ultimate goal, according to Johnson, is for things to go smoothly and problem-free at the end of the semester, but she said she knows "nothing is ever 100 percent fool proof."



Sophomore David Bielik scans cards at the first chapel of the semester. The scanners are replacing the old chapel/convocation cards to ease the collections at the end of the semester.

-Photo by Hannah Bader

The Buffalo is 'in the house'; new addition graces Steve Lacy Fieldhouse

Missie Mills
Assistant Editor

Standing over 7 feet tall, 9 feet long and over 4 feet wide, "Jerry" the stuffed buffalo is a new addition to the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse and Milligan tradition this semester. Jerry was installed on Dec. 31.

Athletic Director Ray Smith said "our big hairy friend" was involved in the movies *Dances With Wolves* and *Quigley Down Under*. The buffalo, worth \$15,000, was donated to the college by Shelor

Chevrolet Corp. of Virginia.

Missy Rotenberry, an employee for Chevrolet, was commissioned to find a home for the buffalo. It was first offered to Marshall University who turned it down because they already own a buffalo.

"I happened to remember that (Milligan's mascot) was the Buffaloes," said Tom Gentry, a former Elizabethon resident and Rotenberry's father.

After gauging Smith's interest in the buffalo, Rotenberry sent pictures and

details to Smith.

"She wanted to be sure that if the buffalo was donated, we would take care of it by not keeping it outside and making sure he wouldn't be manhandled," Smith said.

According to Smith, securing and transporting the buffalo was difficult; even finding a truck large enough to transport the animal was a challenge.

Once the buffalo reached Steve Lacy Fieldhouse, it was squeezed through the

six foot-ten-inch doors. Milligan had to rent a lift to place the heavy buffalo above the entrance, where it now resides "in sight but out of touch," Smith said.

The buffalo took more than 400 hours of taxidermy work. Later, the taxidermist traded the buffalo as a down payment on a Chevrolet vehicle, which is how Steve Lacy Fieldhouse acquired it, Smith said.

"We're glad it's usable and the school can enjoy it," Gentry said. "Milligan's got their buffalo."

Master of Business Administration

Paige E. Wassel
Senior Writer

Twenty-one students will begin classes in Milligan's new Master of Business Administration (MBA) program on Feb. 13. The program received accreditation approval in December.

At their meeting on Dec. 8, the Commission on College of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) approved the college's substantive change request for the program.

"It's confirmation that they believe we have a quality program," said Bill Greer, director of the MBA program and Kegley Associate Professor of Economics and Business.

Greer said that an MBA degree allows a person to be more marketable, have a broad base of business knowledge, fosters managerial skills and teaches people to look more strategically at business and the external environment of business.

Milligan's program also focuses on the ethics of business, reinforcing the college's mission, Greer said.

"Our focus is on combining the functional area of business with making business decisions from an ethical perspective--conveying that belief that you can be a Christian in the workplace," Greer said.

Students attend classes at Milligan roughly one weekend per month with approximately five weeks of ongoing discussion between sessions that are facilitated by "Internet based resources," according to Milligan's MBA Web page.

Individuals enrolling in the program must have a minimum of three years' experience in the workplace, which Greer said is common to a program of this nature where practical input is wanted.

"An MBA gains part of its value from the contributions and input of its students," Greer said.



Sophomore Peter Thomas volunteers at Appleton Christian Camp with Habitat for Humanity in support of MLK day. Students volunteered throughout the community to celebrate MLK day.

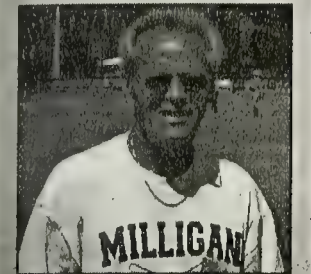
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Sports

Softball Preview

B.J. Appel and Ryan Allcott
Reporters

Softball coach Wes Holly spoke with B.J. Appel and Ryan Allcott. The Lady Buffs open their season on Feb. 9 at home against Mars Hill College. The game begins at 2 p.m.



Q: How do you think the team will compare from last year?

A: Last year's team was a veteran squad, whereas we are very young this season with one junior college transfer and six freshmen. However, the new recruits are very talented and looked very good in our fall season. If we can get the confidence and leadership early from the new recruits, then I think we will have a good chance at winning the conference this season. Last year's team was runner-up in the AAC with a 20-8 conference record, so this year's squad definitely has a big challenge ahead of them, but they have been working hard to improve on their skills in the off-season, so hopefully they will reap the rewards this spring.

Q: What games are you looking forward to?

A: We always have big games with Tennessee Wesleyan and UVA Wise, so I would expect the same again this season. Consistently, we are the top three teams who fight it out each year for the conference title.

Q: Whom do you expect to have a break out season in hitting, pitching and fielding?

A: Junior Brooke Davis has the potential to be one of the best power hitters I have had at Milligan. She along with junior Brandy Waddle and senior Shelby Banion have to produce this season. Brandy Waddle will anchor our pitching staff. We also have high expectations of Traci Harrison, a junior transfer pitcher from Wallace Community College and also expect to get some help on the mound from sophomore Courtney Ruth. In the area of fielding, we have several position changes so everyone is going to be expected to get on top of their games defensively if we are going to have a solid defense.

Q: Have you done any specific preparations for the upcoming season?

A: The team has been working hard on off-season conditioning along with their personal skills in the fielding, hitting, and pitching areas. Hopefully this will reap big rewards this season.

Five Milligan track runners qualify for nationals



Freshman Sean Bowman runs the distance medley relay at the NAIA Indoor National Championship on Jan. 24.
-Photo by Hannah Bader

Mandi Mooney
Assistant Editor/Web Administrator

Five members of Milligan's indoor track team qualified for the NAIA Indoor National Championships last weekend at the Niswonger Foundation Invitational at East Tennessee State University.

"This looks to be another big step in the right direction for our program at

Milligan, as this is the first time they've earned as many national marks in one competition," Coach Chris Layne said.

Milligan's first qualification for nationals came Friday evening when freshman Josh Ferry finished seventh in the men's 800-meter run. He had a time of 1:55.61, which ranks him No. 2 in the NAIA.

Milligan began the second day of

competition on Saturday with the men's and women's 1,600-meter run. Sophomore Maria Zimont of Poland was the defending national champion in this event. She finished in second place with a time of 12:23.19.

Sophomore Megan Lease placed eighth the 1,600 with a time of 12:41.19. Zimont and Lease's times were good enough for qualification to the national competition.

In the men's 1,600, sophomore Chris Wright earned a spot in the national competition with his 11th place finish and a time of 11:24.12.

Freshman Sean Bowman secured his spot at nationals with a time of 4:23.96 in the men's one-mile run. He finished in ninth place.

The men's distance-relay team of Ferry, Bowman, Wright and junior Trevor Donovan placed third with a time of 10:24.39, which guaranteed them a spot at nationals as well.

The Buffaloes will compete at Appalachian State University this weekend. The NAIA Indoor National Championships will be held March 4-6 at ETSU.

Lady Buffs lose a tough one to Bryan

Randall Moore
Reporter

The Lady Buffs came up short against Bryan on Saturday, losing 81-70 in a closely matched game.

The Lady Lions came into the game ranked 19th nationally in the NAIA but found themselves set back early in the game.

At the 12-minute mark, Milligan was up 20-8 but could not hold the lead.

With one minute left before halftime and Milligan nursing a 40-35 lead, the Lady Buffs committed two crucial turnovers that led to two Bryan layups, which made the score 40-39 Milligan at halftime.

The second half, however, was a different story. After shooting 48 percent in the first half, Milligan shot only 33 percent in the second half.

Milligan also didn't help itself by shooting only 5 of 11 from the free throw line. Bryan hit all of their free throws in the second half.



Senior Joy Clark gains control of the ball during the game against Bryan College.
-Photo by Hannah Bader

Sophomore Kari Stout led the Buffs with 16 points while senior Amanda Greene added 14.

"I think we played really well," Stout said, "but we just made some mistakes and left some points on the floor that could have made a difference in the outcome of the game."

Milligan continued its season Tuesday and suffered another loss, with a final score of 60-61 at Union College. With this loss, the Lady Buffs fell to 4-15 overall and 3-8 in the AAC.

The Lady Buffs play again tonight and Saturday at home against Montreat and Virginia Interment respectively.

Men's basketball continues to dominate the AAC

Randall Moore
Reporter

Milligan College continued its mastery of the Appalachian Athletic Conference and Bryan College to defeat the Lions for the second time this season 77-60 Saturday night at the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse.

Milligan improved to 9-8 on the season and 8-2 in the AAC. Junior Craig Emmert had his best game of the season this year with 23 points and 13 rebounds for the Buffaloes.

Coach Tony Wallingford said that Emmert's performance helped the entire squad play better as a team.

"Craig playing well has a positive impact on our team at both ends of the court," Wallingford said.

Senior Jonathan Harris, the AAC's leading scorer at 16.9 points per game, added 18 points and sophomore JaKeith Hairston added 14.

Sophomore Nate Tinchier also made an impact on the game. Entering the game



Eric Coggins passes the ball in bounds to Roy Richmond in the game against Bryan College.
-Photo by Hannah Bader

when both Emmert and junior Todd Davis picked up early fouls. Tinchier played aggressively on the defensive end of the court, highlighted by a powerful block in the first half.

"I'm just trying to do whatever I can to help the team out," Tinchier said. "With (Davis and Emmert) in foul trouble, I know Coach doesn't need me to score, but

to provide a defensive presence and rebounding."

The Buffaloes, who are leading the conference in scoring with almost 70 points per game, lost 70-77 Tuesday at Union College. They hope to continue their winning ways when they host Montreat tonight and Virginia Interment on Saturday.

New film has the potential for history, art and persuasion

J. Ann Tipton
Copy Editor

Met Gibson's film *The Passion of the Christ* will open in movie theaters Feb. 25, but the movie already has Hollywood buzz with discussion about this self-proclaimed "historically accurate" portrayal of the 12 hours leading up to Christ's crucifixion.

The film has been a labor of love for Gibson, who is a member of a traditionalist Roman Catholic group and has financially supported the making of the film with upwards of \$25 million of his own resources.

Many filmmakers are eagerly waiting the opening of the film, and even though one of the only big names attached to the film is Gibson's, the movie is expected to draw crowds, even if only for curiosity's sake.

Associate Professor of Communications Kenny Suit said that the

Suit said this film has the potential of "immerging the audience in the world and environment" of Christ's life.

One concern of some Christians is the violence depicted in the trial between that respect and the viewer decided. Suit said, "But there is a difference made film and the piety of the filmmaking. Otherwise people will respect it for a well-told me that a group of Christians in the film industry were being shown the film, courtesy of Icon Productions, and asked if I would like to be a part of it. Of course, I jumped at the opportunity.

Q: Is there anything surprising about the film?

A: The movie was a total surprise in every aspect. First, the subtitles and language issue was not a problem. The film was so well acted that the maintenance and body language was enough to tell the story. In fact, early on in the film, I found that there were just too many subtitles that I just focused on the characters and tone of the film. Whoever is going to see this movie will most likely be aware of the story of Christ and easily be able to follow along.

As someone planning on producing and directing film, I predict that *The Passion* will lead the way to a new style of filmmaking. Mr. Gibson's direction and the cinematography of Caleb Deschanel make this film visually beautiful. But what pushes it over the edge is that Gibson has artistically portrayed the theological and spiritual aspects involved in the last 12 hours of Christ's life. It made me put to picture what I think my own faith and spiritual life, Christ really went through and what the people around him questioned. I would encourage any Christian to see this film.

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Editorial

THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR

Erin Blasinski

Editor-in-Chief

"You should write an editorial about that." That was the quote I heard at least 10 times this past week from a friend as I sat at lunch or dinner and discussed issues that are surrounding us here at Milligan or in the nation.

So the task seemed simple as I sat to write my first editorial as editor-in-chief of the *Stampede*, but that was not the case. Presidential candidates, Martin Luther King Jr., the new scanners for chapel and financial aid were all ideas that I mulled over before I began writing.

And then it hit me: I should share my thoughts and hopes for the semester ahead. Everyone picks up a daily newspaper and turns to his or her favorite section. For me, that section is usually the sports, followed by the entertainment, news and comic sections.

One of my goals this semester is to make the *Stampede* more of a community paper, a paper that you will want to read.

I would like to include subjects that interest you: movie and music reviews, student writings, student art, editorial comics and topics that are floating around campus that people have strong opinions about.

Because we are limited by resources, the *Stampede* publishes print issues only every other week, but we have a Web site (milligan.edu/stampede) that has unlimited space to include topics that affect us students. In conjunction with weekly online updates, we will be utilizing the Web site more this semester to continue stories from the print edition.

Another goal is to help inform you of the candidates running for president this year. Many of us have not had to opportunity to vote for a president. We are adults who must think for ourselves, and I believe that the only way to be able to think and make important decisions wisely is to have the knowledge to do so.

Throughout this semester I hope to include profiles and outline what each political party represents. I hope that, as Christians, we can decide where our views and beliefs fall and vote for the person who will lead this country in a great way.

My last idea for the semester is to begin a campus-wide discussion board through a blog. What's a blog, you ask? Well, it's an online journal where the editorial staff and I will be posting topics on and encouraging you to respond. Through this outlet we hope to gather ideas for stories, features or guest editorials from you. I hope you get involved and be a part of something new.

I sincerely want the *Stampede* to be a community paper that everyone can enjoy reading. I know that not all of the stories will appeal to everyone, but I hope that at least one or two will be entertaining for you. Contact me with any questions or suggestions.



Above: Junior Missie Mills, and sophomores Kari Meredith and Karissa Schrage help pack clothes for King Benevolent Fund to send to Honduras in honor of MLK day.

-Photo by Monica Sharpe

Right: Senior Jennifer Sharpe and Professor of Psychology Lori Mills also help pack clothes to send to Honduras in celebration for MLK day.

-Photo by Monica Sharpe

Below: Jordan Fode, Ryan Schweizer, Caleb Bollman, Justin Ruetz, Joel Wanyoike, David Lilly and Andy Ross blaze a trail at Buffalo Mountain Camp. Students were encouraged to serve throughout the community in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.

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Concert choir tour canceled

Erin Blasinski
Editor-in-Chief

The Milligan College concert choir canceled its annual spring break tour for the first time in 50 years due to unfavorable financial circumstances in the music area.

"Earlier in the year, we miscalculated some expenditures," said concert choir director and Associate Professor of Music John Wakefield. "Being determined to come out with a balanced budget at the end of the fiscal year, we simply decided that we needed to make whatever cuts were necessary to keep that balanced budget."

Wakefield said the entire music area "has some serious financial constraints this year." At press time, budget figures were not available.

Expenditures throughout the area have been cut, but with a large amount of the budget given to the concert choir, the choir's funds were affected so much that they "simply couldn't finance a tour this year," Wakefield said.

"We had hoped to have some income that would off-

set the cuts we made (in the budget) earlier in the year," Wakefield said. "We had income from the sale of keyboards, but not enough income to be able to go ahead and plan a tour."

Wakefield said that he met with the concert choir officers at the beginning of this semester and still had hope that there would be enough money to fund the tour with the selling of some used equipment from the keyboard lab.

Three weeks ago, Wakefield announced to the choir that there would be no tour this year.

"The group has taken it, I think, very, very well," Wakefield said.

Concert choir president Chris Byrd said he is "extremely disappointed" that the tour was canceled but that good may come out of the situation.

"I think that the adversity will help unite the choir," Byrd said.

Choir members are slow to blame any individual for the cancellation.

"I commend (Mr.) Wakefield for trying to make the best out of a bad situation," said sophomore Leslie Johnson. As a first-year member, Johnson said she was looking forward to the tour and is disappointed that she will not be able to go.

"I feel we've lost an opportunity to grow closer to one another," Johnson said.

The concert choir is planning a trip to Europe in the summer of 2005, where they will do ministry, work in a children's home during the day and perform in the evenings.

"We're not going to let the cancellation of the tour dampen our spirits, and we are looking forward to the European trip," Byrd said.

Wakefield said that the circumstances from this budget year will not affect the trip next year.

"(A) new budget year starts a cold, clear, late," Wakefield said.

The choir plans to do some fundraising this semester and next year to help with costs.

MCTV used for improved campus communication

Missie Mills
Assistant Editor

Milligan's internal cable channel, MCTV, is up and running.

Video Productions Coordinator Carrie Steffey said the "scrolling billboard" on cable channel 96 "is meant to be another information resource for the campus."

Together with work-study student Brandon Jacobs, Steffey checks potential messages for validity. MCTV displays "valid student announcements of interest to campus," Steffey said.

"I liken this channel to headline news," Steffey said. "A student could sit down, watch a complete rotation of slides and become involved."

MCTV was made financially possible by the installation of the phone system in the summer of 2002. Director of Information Technology Michael Smith said it was "cost efficient" to install the cable system at the same time as the new phone system.

According to Smith, the feed with Charter Cable was not turned on until fall 2003 because of the expense that the cable incurred.

"We needed to adjust dorm room rates," said Smith. "The cable bill is over \$30,000 a year."

Channel 97 is Milligan's other internal channel, but instead of a scrolling message board, can be used for programming. Steffey said channel 97 is "the perfect

outlet" for broadcasting and film students to display their work. She said it could also replay basketball games, events in Seeger Chapel and special announcements from Milligan administration.

Steffey said that MCTV, while still "in its infancy," has been "a smooth implementation all the way around."

Current slides include information about pool hours, Service Seekers, Vespers, a spring break trip to Panama and volunteer opportunities through the LINC office.

Individuals or organizations wishing to post a message should email MCTV@milligan.edu.

Nelson art show opening draws 300

Ryan Allcott
Reporter

Works from over 20 Milligan art majors and minors debuted Friday night at the Nelson Art Gallery in downtown Johnson City. Featuring a wide array of art ranging from photography, sculptures and paintings, the show contained a variety of artistic styles.

The show was titled *Art from the Buffalo School* and gave Milligan artists a chance to have their works viewed outside the Milligan campus.

According to Richard Nelson, the owner of the gallery, approximately 300 people came to Friday night's opening.

"There was a much larger turnout than we expected," said fine arts major Theron Humphrey who helped organize the event. "Speaking for all of the artists, we really appreciated the support shown by the faculty and the student body."

Humphrey said the show was most successful in the fact that the Johnson City and ETSU art communities are being exposed to art created by Milligan students.

"(The show) also serves to unite the different parts of the Milligan art area," Humphrey said.

Several faculty members and students showed up for the opening as well.

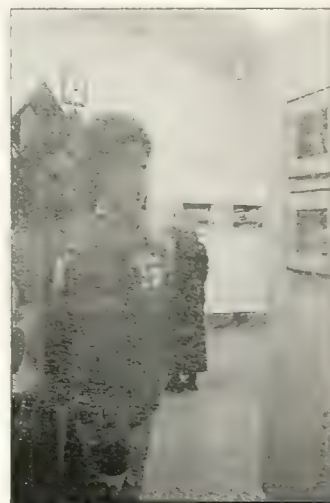
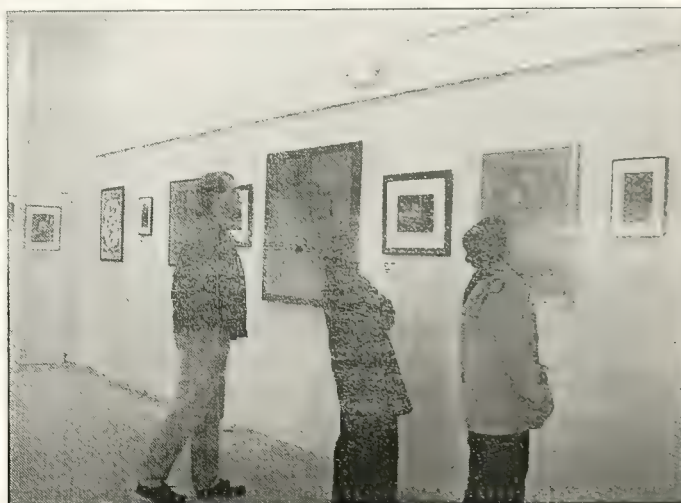
"I really enjoyed the atmosphere, and being able to look at the works of people that I know," said freshman Ned Greene.

The show will run through the month of February. It is free and open to the public.



Milligan students and the surrounding community were invited to the opening of "Art from the Buffalo School." Twenty Milligan students exhibited their work for the show, which was open until the end of February.

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Sports

From the Wire

Romania claims victory in AIDS fight: Recently, Romania declared itself to be a "model of how governments, drug companies and international agencies can bring AIDS under control by ensuring that the necessary three-drug anti-retroviral cocktails are available and paid for," according to a New York Times article. For a poor country, Romania's approach is notable because of its ability to get those with AIDS on anti-retroviral drugs and its commitment to stopping the spread of the disease, the article said. Although Romania is the only country outside North America and Western Europe able to make this claim, some critics question how good Romania's model is because it deals with a relatively small percentage of infected individuals -- roughly 10,000. Indeed, health critics are concerned about a second wave of AIDS hitting as the majority demographic infected is "becoming old enough to have sex, give birth and breast-feed, all ways of transmitting HIV, the virus that causes AIDS." The article said that individuals in this demographic range from ages 12 to 17 and include those who were injected with contaminated blood as infants, from 1987 to 1991 when it was a common practice to give "micro-transfusions" of blood to anemic babies and vaccination needles were reused by school nurses.

Kerry continues to lead the pack: With a large margin of victory in both the Tennessee and Virginia primaries on Tuesday, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry continues to be the favored candidate in the race for the Democratic nomination with Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina and Gen. Wesley K. Clark running far behind. Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean has yet to win a primary, and Clark has decided to withdraw from the race, an Associated Press story said. Kerry has won 12 of the 14 Democratic primaries and caucuses held so far, losing only in South Carolina and Oklahoma. According to a New York Times article, Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico, chairman of the Democratic national convention, is calling for the party to unite behind Kerry. "The time has come to rally around Senator Kerry," Richardson said. "He has won in every region of the country and we should unite behind him." According to voter surveys, Kerry carried the votes of voters 65 and older while also capturing a significant amount of the younger vote.

Massachusetts considers gay union legislation: On Tuesday, Massachusetts state legislators drafted a proposed amendment to the state constitution that would "define marriage as a heterosexual institution but allow same-sex couples to join in civil unions." The proposal follows a court decision made in the state's Supreme Judicial Court last week that essentially ordered the state to grant marriage licenses to gay couples beginning May 17. As the gay marriage question is expected to be a hot topic in the state constitutional convention this week, some are labeling the proposal as a compromise since the original amendment scheduled for review "defined marriage solely as a relationship between a man and a woman and made no mention of same-sex couples." Whatever the outcome of the convention, the proposed amendment would not take effect until the end of 2006 at the earliest.

-Compiled by Paige Wassel with information from the New York Times

Men's basketball out of Conference Race

Randall Moore
Reporter

At the beginning of the semester, the men's basketball team was a contender for the Appalachian Athletic Conference title. Saturday, however, the Buffs fell out of contention for the conference title when they lost to King College 65-72.

They started out the conference year 6-0 with all six victories on the road, but until Saturday Milligan had lost four in a row, all of which were conference matches.

After losing to rival King, Milligan fell to 10-13 overall and 9-7 in the conference, which took them out of contention for the conference title.

Reasons for the slide continue to frustrate the players. One member of the team said that it is not a lack of ability, but rather players struggling with injuries and sickness that have caused the problem.

Three of Milligan's starters contributed double digits in the game against King. Senior Jonathan Harris, junior Craig Emmert and sophomore Jakeith Hairston led Milligan with 19, 18 and 10 points respectively.

Despite the loss, Milligan defeated Montreat College 82-75 on Tuesday evening. Harris contributed 17 points to lead the Buffs and senior Michael Morrell and junior Eric Coggins each scored 15 points.

The win brings Milligan's record to 11-13 overall for the season and 10-7 in the AAC.

Milligan hopes to win this week with home games against UVA Wise tonight and Union College on Saturday.



Senior Johnathon Harris goes for a layup against King College. The game resulted in 65-72 loss, but came back in a win against Montreat college on Tuesday night.

-Photo by Sarah Shepherd

Women's basketball loses to King, Montreat

Mandi Mooney
Assistant Editor/Web Administrator



Sophomore Kari Stout stops a pass during the King game on Saturday. The game resulted in a 56-71 loss. Milligan hosts UVA Wise for an AAC game at home tonight and Union on Saturday.

-Photo by Sarah Shepherd

The women's basketball team lost at home on Saturday against King College. The Lady Buffs came out strong in the first half but lost their momentum in the second to end the game with a final score of 56-71.

"I think we played well up until the last five minutes," said sophomore guard Kari Stout, "and we didn't play with as much intensity as we had before."

In the first half, the Lady Buffs shot 50 percent from the field while the Tornadoes shot only 41 percent. However, King out-shot Milligan five to one from the three-point line. At the half, King led by a mere point 28-29.

In the second half, Milligan's shooting percentage fell as King's rose. From that point on, Milligan could not catch up.

"We did a good job stopping their two best players, but didn't succeed in stopping the others from scoring," Stout said.

Stout led the Lady Buffs with 15 points, and senior forward Joy Clark added 12. Sophomore Leah SeEVERS returned from an injury to score six points.

On Tuesday night, Milligan lost to Montreat College 67-82. Milligan led at the half but were not able to maintain their lead. Montreat out-shot the Lady Buffs by 17 points in the second half.

The underclassmen led Milligan as Stout dropped in 18 and freshman forward Kacie Letterman had 12 points. Clark also contributed 11 points.

The Lady Buffs' record now stands at 7-18 and 6-11 in the Appalachian Athletic Conference.

Oakleaf qualifies for Boston Marathon

Shane as he ran 26 one-mile laps, the group drank hot chocolate to keep warm in the freezing temperature.

In the distance running world, Feb. 1 is the last day runners can qualify for Boston Marathon. So it was for a good reason that the name of this race was "The Last Chance for Boston" Marathon. To qualify, a runner must complete a certified race in 3 hours and 15 minutes. Shane's goal was 3:00. He finished in 2:57.07. Only four runners from his age bracket qualified for the Boston Marathon that day.

Running a marathon was something Shane had always aspired to. He made the commitment to run this one some time last year.

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Senior Shane Oakleaf runs his first marathon in on Feb. 1. He finished 18 minutes faster than the qualifying time for the Boston Marathon, which will be held on Apr. 19.

J. Ann Tipton
Copy Editor

The winter sun had just begun to rise over the horizon when the runners took their places at the starting line. All 88 participants were eager to get the long race started; the temperature in Columbus that day hovered close to zero degrees Fahrenheit, and limbs quickly turned numb in the biting cold.

One runner knew that the weather was on his side; that he ran well in the cold and that he was quite possibly in the best shape of his life. This sandy haired 21-year-old took his place at the starting line as the starting air horn blared, the runner, Shane Oakleaf took the initial steps of his first 26.2-mile race, what runners refer to as a marathon.

The powerful, quiet Milligan senior had a cheering section of 14, including 11 Milligan students who traveled six hours to the Oakleaf home in Newark, Oh, and another hour to Dublin, Oh. (a suburb northwest of Columbus) for the race on Feb. 1. Armed with several layers of clothing and homemade signs to encourage

Valentine's Day remembered: then and now

As the years passed, the excitement of Valentine's Day lessened. The exhilaration I once felt as this special day approached turned to apprehension and dread. I now worry about what I'm going to do on Feb. 14. Will I be single? Will I face another "girl's night" during which we all mope about not having dates? Of course, every girl wonders if that special someone will propose on this day of love.

Now I even question the point of Valentine's Day and who on earth would man drew the name of a young woman who became his sweetheart for an entire day originated in the Roman era. On the eve of the feast of Lupercalia, each young man drew the name of a young woman and prayed that there would be one from him in my envelope.

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150-year tradition continues:
Chalky hearts explained:
Mandi Mooney
Assistant Editor/Web Administrator

The early American colonists were the first to make conversation hearts when they scratched love notes onto homemade candies for Valentine's Day. Over Chase, who founded the New England Confectionary Company in 1860, wanted to take their idea and manufacture candies with messages on them. His brother Daniel created a process to print sayings on small candies. In 1900, Sweet Hearts were invented. The Sweet Hearts' classic sayings include "be mine" and "kiss me." Candy conversation hearts have become one of the most popular Valentine's Day candies. Each year, the company produces new sayings, including seven for 2004.

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News

Veasey escapes 'the bubble' in D.C.

Paige Wassel
Senior Writer

This semester, junior Melanie Veasey decided to seek an education in the nation's capital through the American Studies program offered by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

The CCCU Web site describes this program as an "internship/seminar program" that "provides internship opportunities for the diverse majors and career interests of university juniors and seniors. Designed to expose undergraduates to opportunities for involvement in public life, the program also provides students with a general understanding of the public policy dynamics at work in the nation's capital."

For Veasey, this entails working at the Children's Law Center and attending class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. She is receiving 16 hours of credit and the program goes towards fulfilling the requirements of her public leadership and service major.

"I absolutely love my job and being in the city," Veasey said. "I have been getting interviews with people in the city as part of my class, and I have met lots of interesting people. Also, everyone here is from different denominations and backgrounds, which helps broaden my horizons."

Bert Allen, chair, area of social learning and professor of psychology introduced Veasey to the program, and she said that she decided to apply after visiting the CCCU-sponsored Web

'Why Not Women?' in review

Mary Stephens
Guest Editorial

It was not a male-bashing event, though Milligan professors Pat and Lee Magness did orchestrate the distribution and slicing of neckties (so as to say wearing one should not be a major qualifier for pastoral ministry).

I was among the forty girls who attended the *Why Not Women?* retreat this past weekend at the Appalachian Christian Camp. The retreat celebrated and encouraged female participation in church leadership. We were fortunate: our mothers never had this opportunity.

I laughed with others at Pat

Magness's quirky insights Friday night and was comforted Saturday by Jennifer Morrow, an associate pastor in the United Methodist Church, who based our morning devotion on a Gerard Manley Hopkins poem. I would not want to be without these women, with all of their unique personalities. I would never want them silenced, wrapped up and returned to God out of preference for other kinds of gifts.

But an affirmation of the value of women in church leadership was not the highlight of the trip. It was the joy that came as my images of humans and God were broadened. Nathan Flora taught us

that God couldn't be fully explained as male or female or even by the Trinity. He also shared that God's original order in Creation was that man and woman should have equal dominion and unity. The sin in the garden—the sin that disrupted God's order and cursed woman to subordination—dissolved when Christ was resurrected from the dead.

Jeff Miller taught us that Christ brought women to the foreground and called us daughters of Abraham. Miller also taught us that Christ also calls us to a new covenant, a covenant signified by communion and not circumcision, where "we are all one" in him (Galatians 3:28).

Crystal VanMeter
Guest Editorial

I would definitely have to say that I thoroughly enjoyed the *Why Not Women?* conference. The weekend's organizers completely enabled all of us women to consider what the Bible and Christian tradition says about women in leadership positions. This is an issue that I have dealt with in my home church and I am confident that I will continue to deal with in the future.

The conference was in no way a "bra burning" event. It wasn't a rally to excite

a bunch of young women into picketing our home churches until we get the pulpit. But, what it did do was encourage us to minister. The message was that we are able to minister wherever we are in whatever we are doing.

As we minister in our lives, men and women alike will be faced with certain issues. The conference focused on the interpretations of women in church. We each received multiple ways to approach this topic, whether biblically, through traditions or through historical examples of women who served in the past. We

looked at what Jesus said about women, how Jesus loved women, how Jesus brought a revolutionary new covenant (which most of us partake in every Sunday) with communion and how that breaks down gender barriers. We talked about biblical idolatry and how that can cause many issues. But most importantly, we were encouraged as women to not be hindered by our gender but to embrace it and serve God to our fullest ability as PEOPLE and as very capable children of God.

Kate Plaxco
Guest Editorial

"Why not women?" This question is one that I had wondered about for a long time, and when the *Why Not Women?* conference was publicized, I knew that I needed to go. As a woman preparing for

full-time ministry, I understood that the answer to this question was a key element in my future.

The workshops were very insightful because we were able to dig into scripture and look at how God perceives women

and how Jesus treated women while he was on earth. The conference was also a time to acknowledge women who had been influential in our lives. I returned to Milligan feeling spiritually renewed and assured of God's direction in my life.

Campus Ministry presents Spiritual Renewal Week

Missie Mills

Assistant Editor

Each night, Lower Seeger was filled with worship music followed by a message brought by guest speaker and wor-

ship leader Joel Bidderman, full time missionary from Third Floor Ministries, in Show Low, Az.

On Sunday, Bidderman introduced the week's theme of reconciliation.

"Reconciliation is something that we need as a campus and as a nation," said junior Dawn Loughry who attended the week's events.

Freshman Heather Clinger said, "I really like [Spiritual Renewal Week], and I think it's really getting people on track with their spiritual lives."

The week will end with a Hunger Banquet Friday night sponsored by the Missions Club with all proceeds going to Third Floor Ministries.

Faculty auction raises largest sum ever

Missie Mills

Assistant Editor

The Milligan College class of 2005 raised \$2,190 at the annual faculty auction during convocation on Feb. 3. This year's auction raised \$28 more than last year's and broke the record for the most money raised by a single faculty auction.

The sale serves as a fundraiser for the 2004 Junior Senior Banquet. The junior class SGA representatives organizes the faculty auction each year to raise money for the banquet.

"The banquet is going to be amazing because of the support we raised from the faculty auction," said junior class president Rachael Bloch.

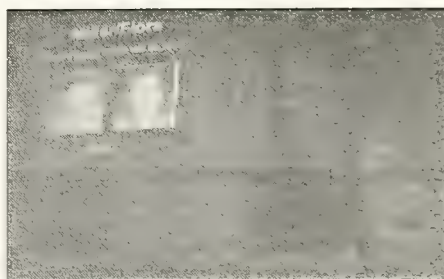
According to Bloch, faculty members volunteered to host students for a meal. This year's meal offerings included "famous lasagna," "famous kabobs," "juicy steaks," and even a night out at Carraba's Restaurant.

Associate Professor of Economics Bill Greer and Associate Professor of Accounting Bob Mahan served as auctioneers. The pair, who did not specify how many students they would accommodate, sold for the highest price of the day at \$325.

Junior business major April Rankin purchased Greer and Mahan.

"This is the only time I can go to the Junior Senior, so I wanted to make sure it was fun," Rankin said.

Rankin paid for the pair alone, and said she hopes the large donation helps the budget for the Junior Senior.



Junior youth ministry major Troy Childress bid on several members.

"The only people I really wanted were Nathan Flora and Jeff Miller, but I bid for everyone else to raise the bar," he said.

Bidding began at \$10 for Linda Doan, associate professor of human performance and exercise science, who promised "cow tongue flinging fun" at her mountain farm. She sold for \$120.

Assistant professor of Bible Jeff Miller and Campus Minister Nathan Flora together sold for \$200. Like Greer and Mahan, Miller and Flora failed to specify a number of students they were willing to feed.

"(After the auction was over), Dr. Miller told me that he only wanted four people, but we didn't get the memo," Bloch said.



The faculty auction made a record \$2,190. The auction is sponsored by the junior class and all proceeds go to the Junior Senior banquet.

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Student body elects new SGA members

Erin Blasinski & Leslie Johnson

Editor-in-Chief & Reporter

In Tuesday's convocation, the student body voted for the 2004-2005 administration of Student Government Association. Candidates for executive council delivered speeches filled with ideas, visions and goals for Milligan College next year.

For the job of Student Government President, the campus voted for junior Rachel Cunningham over junior Jacqie Patterson. Assuming the role of vice president is sophomore Shannon Patterson who won over junior Matt Mueller. The offices of secretary and treasurer were uncontested with sophomore Lindsey Vogt securing treasurer and junior Kelly Becker taking on the role of secretary.

"Being president of SGA is a very exciting opportunity for me," said Cunningham, who served as class president for two years and most recently as SGA Vice President.

"I believe strongly in listening to what the students have to say and then being proactive about meeting their needs; that's why SGA is in place," Cunningham said.

S. Patterson served on SGA for two years as a class representative.

"I feel like I could do a good job in a larger leadership role," S. Patterson said. "I have a great desire to serve the campus of Milligan College."

S. Patterson hopes to continue the work that has been started in SGA this year concerning the cafeteria and grill, the honor code and Student Leader Ambassadors Program.

"I would also love to increase awareness of SGA to the student body, and really encourage people of SGA to be more active in many of the various

activities that Milligan College offers," S. Patterson said.

"We had the same goals in mind for SGA, and I know that we will work well together as a unit," said Vogt, who has previously served as a sophomore class representative. "As for my job, I will do what is necessary to get the job done. I really want to encourage more clubs and organizations to petition for money from SGA."

Vogt began writing an academic honor code for Milligan College and wants to continue working on it to have it ready for the following year. She said that she is excited to be working with the group she campaigned with over the past few weeks.

Becker has no previous SGA experience but embraces the new opportunity.

"I've always been interested in SGA and getting involved in the voice of the student body," she said. "When I was asked to run on the executive council, I knew this would be a great opportunity to finally get involved and help support the decision making process of what improvements can be made to the college."

As secretary, Becker explains her role as being a support to the cabinet and encouraging those she is working with.

"I know there are many current plans that I hope take place within this next year concerning SGA, but my goal is to make the student body aware of this and of the impact SGA can have on this campus," said Becker.

The newly elected SGA representatives will co-exist with the current SGA executive council for the next two weeks. This will allow the new members to learn and observe their new roles from experienced SGA members.



Rising senior Rachel Cunningham (above) and rising junior Shannon Patterson (below) were selected in last Tuesday's convocation to be the 2004-2005 SGA President and Vice President, respectively. The new administration officially takes office April 6.

Photos by Paige Wasse



Warm weather leaves skiing class students out in the cold

Missie Mills

Assistant Editor

Due to several days of unseasonably warm weather, Wolf Laurel Ski Resort closed earlier than usual this year which caused students enrolled in HPXS 158 (the snow skiing class) to cram in their practice days.

Wolf Laurel's Group Sales Director Tim Crane said that the resort usually closes in mid-March but that it "depends on the weather."

According to Crane, at least 60 percent of the class used their practice days during the last week the slopes were open, March 1-7.

The syllabus for HPXS 158 states that students are required to ski a total of eight days: four lesson days and four practice days.

"The way it was set up originally was for students to have a lesson day, then a practice day where they would practice what they learned in the lesson," Crane said.

Some students planned their practice days differently.

Sophomore Karissa Schrage said that she planned on using her practice days the week after spring break when midterm exams would be finished.

"I didn't realize (Wolf Laurel) was going to close so early," Schrage said.

Similarly, sophomore Breanna Shelton said she "fit

all four practice days in the last week Wolf Laurel was open."

Shelton said she was upset because she had to use her practice days during midterm exams.

"I had to ski knowing I had a humanities test, a research and methods test, papers and a photojournalism project due," Shelton said.

The students were notified about the resort's early closure because of a chance phone call.

Schrage said she called Wolf Laurel on March 2 to check when the resort was planning on closing, and an employee told her the resort would close that weekend.

Schrage notified Kim Hyatt, assistant professor of HPXS, who then contacted Wolf Laurel and the students.

In an e-mail to students, Hyatt wrote that "the ski lodge did not call me and inform me of this early closure."

In the same e-mail, Hyatt said she would allow her students to have one practice session absence. However, many students still needed to make up practice days.

Schrage went to the resort that same day to find that the slopes were closed because of rising temperatures.

"I knew I needed four practice days and had to get them in before (spring) break," Schrage said. "so I begged Tim (Crane) to let me ski."

Crane opened the slope for Schrage and two other

Milligan students.

"Tim (Crane) was kind enough to give us our equipment and let us walk up the slopes in our skis," Schrage said.

For students who did not complete their practice days, Hyatt has arranged a way to make up credit.

In a second e-mail to students, Hyatt outlined the requirements for completing the course by writing reports on skiing.

"I'm trying to help students to fulfill course requirements," Hyatt said. "I want students to get a good grade, of course, but also to accept responsibility."

To prevent this situation from happening again, Hyatt plans to encourage future skiing classes to use their practice days earlier in the year.

"The strategy for next year is for students to have a lesson and then practice (the same) week," Hyatt said. "I will encourage everybody to go weekly or even two times a week in the first two months of the year and not wait until the last minute."

Sophomore Katrina Hayes attributes the problem to the weather, saying "No one knows how the weather is going to be in East Tennessee."

"It's frustrating," said Hayes. "because we were told that we had until April to use these days, and we had no time to get them in."

Sports

From the Wire

Baseball posts a 5-game winning streak

Ohio sniper suspect arrested in Las Vegas: The suspect in a series of sniper shootings near Columbus, Ohio in the past year was arrested today in Las Vegas after a tip led authorities to his hotel, according to the law enforcement authorities in that city. According to a *New York Times* article, the suspect, Charles A. McCoy Jr., was picked up at hotel his room early Wednesday morning. After police received a tip-off of McCoy's whereabouts, authorities set up surveillance in Las Vegas and identified McCoy as the suspect. McCoy was apprehended without incident, and local authorities are now awaiting the arrival of Ohio police officials. Police say that McCoy is the prime suspect in 24 shootings, one of which was fatal, that have been fired mostly at vehicles on highways but also at homes, at a school and at parked vehicles. The shootings have taken place on Interstate 270 and Route 23 in central Ohio.

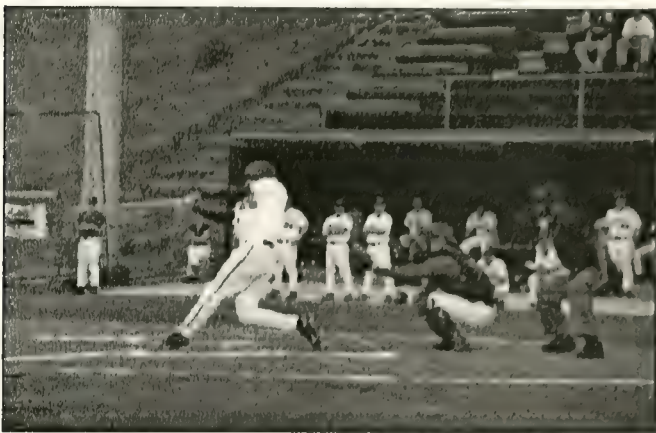
Madrid bombing suspect scrutinized by other countries: It now appears that a lead suspect in the Madrid train bombings has been under investigation by intelligence and law enforcement officials in two other countries. According to the *New York Times* article, "Officials said Jamal Zougam, a suspect in the train bombings last Thursday in Madrid, had been investigated and questioned last summer by law-enforcement officials in Spain, who received requests for information about him from both Morocco and France, the officials said."

Zougam, 30, was arrested last Saturday, along with two other Moroccans and two Indians after remains from a cell phone connected to an unexploded bomb were found in the wreckage. Zougam has been linked to key al Qaeda figures before, but two Spanish officials said there was not enough evidence to charge him with any crime in Morocco last May. The bombing of the Madrid commuter trains resulted in 201 deaths.

Passion could become highest-grossing film in history: According to an article from the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Passion of the Christ*, the movie personally financed by Mel Gibson because no studio thought it commercially viable, could become the highest-grossing film in history. By the end of business Sunday, the subtitled story of Jesus' final hours had grossed \$264.5 million in the United States and Canada since its opening on Feb. 25. "If *The Passion* continues on this trajectory, it's possible for it to surpass *Star Wars* (\$461 million) and even *Titanic* (\$600.8 million) as the domestic box-office champion of all time," said Paul Dergarabedian of Exhibitor Relations Inc., which tracks film revenue.

Hollywood's historic rankings are tabulated in non-inflation-adjusted dollars. More conservative estimates have *The Passion* topping out at \$325 million to \$375 million domestically, putting it in the elite company of *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, which thus far has earned \$371.1 million.

-Information compiled by J. Ann Tipton and Paige E. Wassel with information from The New York Times and The Philadelphia Inquirer



The Milligan baseball team improved its overall season record to 13-9 and 6-2 in the Appalachian Athletic Conference. The team will play a doubleheader at home on Saturday against Montreat College starting at 2 p.m. and will play again on Sunday at 1 p.m.

-Photo by Hannah Bader

Ryan Allcott
Reporter

The Milligan College baseball team is on a hot streak right now, winning their last 5 games and 9 of their last 11.

The Buffaloes had a two-game spring break, going 7-1, while sweeping a two-game series against Berea College and a three-game series against UVA Wise.

With the sweep of UVA Wise, the Buffaloes improved to 13-9 overall and 6-2 in Appalachian Athletic Conference.

The Buffs started off the break with a doubleheader at Berea College, where the offense started to come together. Milligan won the first game 12-6 and continued to dominate in the second game by defeating the Mountaineers 13-2.

The team struggled against North Georgia College, losing 1-10 last Tuesday. However, they were able to bounce back on Wednesday as they pulled out the victory in 11 innings with a score of 7-6.

They came back from a 3-6 deficit in the ninth inning, tying the game and sending it into extra innings.

A double from sophomore David Rusaw in the top of the 11th put the Buffs on top for good.

An easy victory over Southern Wesleyan College by the score of 11-3 on Thursday prepared the Buffaloes for the weekend series against UVA Wise.

Milligan swept the series against UVA Wise, taking both games of the doubleheader last Saturday with scores of 7-4 and 5-2.

The Buffs again came out with full force in the next game, defeating the Cavaliers 13-3.

"We have a big series coming up this weekend against Montreat College, who are undefeated in the conference at 7-0," said senior Todd Speas. "This weekend is important in our hope for a conference championship."

The Buffaloes play a doubleheader against Montreat at home on Saturday, with the first game scheduled to start at 2 p.m. They play again on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Softball team splits wins and losses during tournament

Cassie Lomison
Reporter

The Lady Buffs softball team traveled to Myrtle Beach, S.C. to play eight games during the week of spring break. The team began the week with a 7-1 record and returned home 11-5.

"Overall we played fairly well," said Coach Wes Holly. Five of the teams the Lady Buffs faced were NCAA Division II schools and Holly said that it was good for the team to play against high level ball players.

Beginning on Monday and going through Thursday, the team played two games a day.

The tournament started on a rough note when the Lady Buffs lost 0-8 in five innings against Missouri Rolla, but they were able to make a comeback in the second game on Monday by defeating

Green Mountain (Vt.) 9-2.

The team came out strong on Tuesday, winning against Charleston (W. Va.) 5-0, and Columbia (Mo.) 9-3. The next day's games added one win and one loss to their record when the Lady Buffs lost their first game 1-7 to Bellevue (Nc.) and won the second against Concordia (N.Y.) 9-2.

The final two games gave the team two more losses. The first game against Martin Methodist (Tenn.) ended 3-10 and the tournament's final game resulted in a loss to Mansfield (Ohio) 3-9.

Senior outfielder Ellen Stoots said the tournament pointed out the areas the team needed to improve upon including the mental aspect and communication with each other on the field.

"We had ample time to observe ourselves and evaluate where we as a team need to strive to be," Stoots said.

Tennis teams fall to Mars Hill



Senior Amy Vincent returns a serve during a recent game. The match resulted in a 1-8 loss. The next match for the Lady Buffs is March 19, at Tusculum College, and the men play March 21, at UVA Wise.

-Photo by Hannah Bader

Courtney Ruth
Student Life Editor

On Tuesday, the Mars Hill Lions defeated the men's and women's tennis teams at Liberty Bell in Johnson City. The men's tennis team lost 4-5 and the women lost 1-8.

The men started out the match by leading 2-0 without even playing because Mars Hill was short one player, forfeiting no. 6 singles and no. 3 doubles. Another win for the men's team came from the no. 1 doubles team of freshmen Ryan Reynolds and Tom Jones defeating the Lions 8-6 in an eight game pro-set.

"Tom and Ryan have proven to be great additions to the team this year," said junior teammate Patrick Mitchell.

The team's fourth win came from senior Adam Campbell at the no. 4 singles spot winning 6-1, 6-7(4), 6-3.

"Adam was able to pull through and win his three-setter," said Mitchell. "We're getting better with every match, and I expect we'll have something to celebrate soon."

The Lady Buffs lone win came from junior Jessica Conn in singles at no. 6. Conn won her match by soundly defeating Mars Hill's Rachel Barcio 6-0, 6-3.

"I feel like we didn't play as well as we could have on a different day," senior Amy Vincent said. "We put up a fight against a school with a solid tennis program. The overall match score doesn't reflect how well we really played."

The next match for the Lady Buffs is March 19, at Tusculum College, and the men play March 21, at UVA Wise.

News

Parking on campus: questions answered

Paige E. Wassel & Courtney Ruth
Senior Writer & Student Life Editor

Parking can be a source of controversy on any college campus, but understanding the system is the first step to easing parking anxiety.

"Parking is one of those relative kinds of things in terms of satisfaction," said Mark Fox, vice president for student development. "No one is completely happy with it ... Given the size of our campus, compared to other college campuses, it's a very reasonable parking situation here."

According to Joe Whitaker, vice president for business and finance, parking tickets have brought in about \$13,000 per year over the last four years. Tickets this fiscal year have yielded over \$12,000 so far.

Ticket fines may be given for either \$20 or \$40, depending on the offense, but if the ticket is not paid within seven days it may be posted to the offender's account and another \$10 penalty is added to the original sum.

Taking these figures into consideration, every year as few as 325 and as many as 650 tickets are given out to students whose cars are parked in a no parking area, improper lot, fire lane, service vehicle area or handicapped spaces.

According to the student handbook, fines can also be given out for moving violations or unregistered cars.

Whitaker said the money goes to the college's unrestricted fund, which is the

general fund out of which the operating expenses of the college are paid including faculty and staff salaries, utility bills, maintenance and housekeeping, and all other daily expenses.

"The purpose of writing tickets is not to generate revenue. The purpose is to add order to what could be chaos," Fox said.

Fox, who oversees fine enforcement and payment, said the fines were raised from \$5 to \$20 and \$40 four years

ago. Consequently, he estimates that there has been up to a 25 percent decrease in the number of tickets issued since the fines increased.

"What we found was then that the fines were so small that people were willing to take the risk," Fox said. "Now, the fines are significant enough that it's a deterrent, and that's what we want."

Individuals who want to appeal a parking ticket must fill out an appeal form from the Student Development Office, and then a committee of two to three people reviews the appeal. If the appeal is refused, the individual may then appeal the ticket to Fox.

Fox said that when reviewing a ticket, the committee takes into consideration an individual's lack of knowledge of the parking system in the first couple weeks of the fall semester or if some kind of emergency was happening when the ticket was issued. Fox says that they also consider errors made by ticket writers.

"I think it may be that our people made an error and have written the ticket inappropriately," Fox said.

If the appeal is successful, the individual is notified that the appeal has been upheld and the ticket is voided. The ticket fine may also be reduced, depending on the nature of the offense.

Fox said there is no stated policy for reviewing tickets because of the variable nature of the ticketing offenses but said that most tickets are upheld.

Some students do not think that the parking policies should be enforced during special events, such as family weekend and basketball games, when parking becomes scarce.

Freshman Tom Jones said he received his ticket for parking in the white zone in

front of Hart Hall during the basketball games of family weekend.

"(The ticket writer) shouldn't have given me one that weekend because there were so many people on campus that parking was full," Jones said.

Fox said he, along with Leonard Beattie, Joe Whitaker, President Leane, and campus security review the parking situation each summer, sometimes working to find areas that are unclear and then adding markings.

While the student handbook states designated loading zones, such as the ones in front of Hart and Sutton Halls, have a 15-minute time limit, students do not always read these instructions and may receive no guidelines about the time limit when registering their vehicle.

Jones said he was unsure about the length of time allowed for parking in that area because it is not posted.

At registration students receive vehicle/sticker categories and information on where their sticker allows them to park. Categories and their colors include: freshmen, yellow; commuters, orange; faculty/staff, green; sophomore through senior females, red; sophomore through senior males, blue; and married student housing, red.

From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. vehicles must park in specific lots that correspond with the stickers, but after 5 p.m. the lot restrictions are lifted until the next morning.

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Eight juniors and seniors traveled to Royal Oak, Md. for the weekend conference sponsored by the Institute for Servant Leadership at the Trinity Forum Academy, "Further Up & Further In: God's Call to a Purposeful Life." The conference offered sessions on Christian worldview, cultural engagement and community and challenged the participants to seek God through servant leadership. For more stories about spring break trips, see page 4. —Photo courtesy of Dimitri Jansen

Indoor track season ends

Mandi Mooney

Assistant Editor Web Administrator

The men's and women's indoor track teams competed in the NIAA Indoor Track Championships at ETSU at the beginning of spring break and had a disappointing end to an overall outstanding season.

Returning champion in the women's 5,000-meter run sophomore Maria Zimon dropped all the way to a fifth place finish in her event with a time of 18 minutes and 29.95 seconds. Sophomore Megan Lease also ran in the 5,000 and finished 10th with a final time of 18:42.26.

For the men's team, sophomore Cam Wright had a final burst of energy in the last leg of the 3,000-meter run as he raced ahead to a fifth place finish (8:37.94). The men's distance medley relay team of freshmen Sean Bowman, Jar Collins, Josh Ferry and Wright came in seventh place overall as their final time was 19:25.57.

Also competing at nationals was Bowman in the men's one-mile run. However, he did not make it out of the preliminary round as he finished in 11th place with a time of 4:28.23.

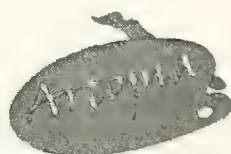
"Everyone improved but we just had a bad day," said Lease. "You can't judge a whole season on one day."

The women's distance medley relay team of Lease, freshmen Allison Langford and Amber Peace and Zimon qualified but did not compete because the relay was scheduled right after the women's 5,000 in which Lease and Zimon ran. Physically, they were unable to run the second race.

The indoor track teams began their outdoor spring season this week as they officially began training. Their first meet will be April 7-10 at the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn.

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Features

It's madness: the end of March brings basketball fever

Erin Blaszinski

Editor-in-Chief

The word "madness" conjures up different meanings for everyone. We just back from spring break so the word might refer to getting back into the routine of studying instead of sleeping in or laying on the beach. For me it's March and that means college basketball madness. No. 1 seeded teams losing in the Sweet 16, Cinderella teams that have nothing to lose and everything to gain going up against a big team, and finding out how closely I can predict the national champion are all things that excite me about the weeks ahead.

Schedules, records and winning streaks give teams bragging rights, but as any good college basketball fan knows, none of that bragging really matters when the tournament begins. A team can have the best record in the country, but if they can't perform at tournament time, the record means nothing. Umm, did someone say Stanford and St. Joe's?

As a dedicated college basketball fan, I find myself spending hours filling out the brackets as best I can, trying not to assume that my favorite team will win the big dance. I must confess that I am a Duke Blue Devils fan. Sometimes it's hard for me to take a step back and critically look at all the other teams to see how my Blue Devils will match up. Honestly, I don't know how they will do this year. They are good but are they good enough? If J.J. Redick can find his three-point shot again and Sheldon Williams can stay out of foul trouble, I think they have a good shot at the championship.

There are so many teams who have the potential to have outstanding showings in the tournament. The Maryland Terrapins and Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets are teams that might just sneak up on some no. 1 seeds and create a huge upset. The Kentucky Wildcats are heading into the tournament on fire after winning the Southeastern Conference Championship last weekend. Fortunately for the Wildcats, someone on the selection committee loves them because they got a fairly easy bracket compared to the Blue Devils. I'm not upset. I just think it's unfair. Teams that people don't expect to win will sneak up the bracket; teams that many fans want to win will fall in the Sweet 16, and the team that gets to cut the net down will surprise us all.

I don't know who's going to make it to the championship game this year, and if you think you know, I doubt you do. My Final Four predictions: Kentucky, Oklahoma, Duke and Maryland. I have a friend who filled out last year's bracket with Syracuse and Kansas playing for the championship. Who would have thought that those two teams would play in the championship game? Not me. In fact, my team lost in the Sweet 16. I hope that at least one person will have predicted the Final Four teams and the national champions correctly. If you do, let me know. You'll be my hero. Have fun watching the games but don't skip class or ignore your schoolwork for the next three weeks.

Habitat chapter finds opportunity to serve: second annual spring break trip attended by 15 students

Adrienne Sutphin

Guest Writer

Was it worth it? Sleeping on the floor, shivering, getting bruised and smashing fingers? It sure doesn't sound like it, but at second glance, seeing friends I made last year, making new ones and watching progress on walls and shingles come together, yes it was worth it.

Fifteen students loaded up Sunday and traveled to Cookeville, Tenn., their goal being to build three houses for Habitat for Humanity from the foundation up. We each had our own expectations of the trip, some of us not knowing what was in store, others of us being veterans of last year's trip anticipating all that was to come. When we arrived, we had grown anxious to meet the rest of the group that we were to work with and get to know the diverse group in our own vans. There was something telling us that we would all leave this place different than when we came.

Bright and early on the Monday of spring break came too early, but our spirits lifted after devotions and work began. In what seemed like no time at all, the walls were up and trusses were being heaved up to form the roof. Although a problem arose with the trusses on two of the three houses, nothing seemed to dampen the mood. We looked for other work that could be done and by the end of the first day, what started as a stack of concrete blocks had taken the shape of houses. Snow would stall the work for Tuesday, so Wednesday we arose with the

sun, eager to return to the task at hand. Construction ran smoothly the rest of the week, and more and more of those structures became homes for three deserving families.

This past week was not just about the houses we built; it was also about the relationships we built with one another. Habitat is an organization with the focus of establishing housing, but it takes individuals working together forming relationships. Whether it was getting beat in a game of pool, playing with a Great Dane in the neighborhood or listening to stories from older generations, we bonded with each other.

Friendships were formed and strengthened among our peers, friends from Illinois, local Habitat workers, our friends from Chile and the homeowners. In years to come, we may forget names and maybe even faces of the people we worked with, but we will not forget why we gave up an entire week of leisure to work construction on a Habitat House: to challenge ourselves to step out of our comfort zones to help others in need.

It was apparent all week that God was with us and this work was for His glory. Although classes were not in session it



Habitat for Humanity took its second annual spring break trip. This year's trip was in Cookeville, Tenn.

-Photo courtesy of Danielle Bush

was an educational week for all of us. Not only did we learn that we could overcome a fear of heights or that we were capable of the job, we learned that God uses all types. God was all around, it was impossible not to feel Him.

We saw God work in awesome ways, and all it took was willing hands. I think that is the lesson that we all learned this week and will hopefully carry with us daily: if we are open to Him, an opportunity to serve will emerge.

Student reflects on mission trip to Mexico

Tori Markiewicz

Guest Writer

The spring break trip to Mexico with CrossRoads was fun and also an incredible learning experience. In the past I had always done construction work with CrossRoads so this was my first medical missions trip. The difference between the two types of work is enormous.

With construction I would have a project and a time limit to complete it in. There was a tangible goal that I could meet. I knew that eventually the homes we were building would be finished and

we could give it away to a family. After being an intern with CrossRoads this summer in Mexico, I got to see all that hard work pay off when we gave away three homes. I saw how God met the needs of those families in a very physical way.

The medical trip was different. There was no project to complete. I could not make someone better that very instant. In fact, some of the illnesses, like asthma, that people had were chronic. They would not get fully well because of the climate in which they live.

At first I was discouraged, but then

God showed me how much He was working. By doing these clinics, we were giving up our time to love on the Mexican people. God was using us not only to give medical care, but to be a light and hope to the people of Piedras Negras. God humbled me a lot through these clinics and he reassured and reaffirmed my faith that he is still working and still in control, even when I don't see it. God renewed my love for Him, my love for the people of Piedras Negras and he blessed me with some awesome new friends. It was a great spring break!

Three senior fine art shows left this semester

Paige E. Wassel

Senior Writer

As the semester comes to a close, there are only three senior fine art exhibitions left for students to attend. For graduating fine arts majors, this work represents a conclusion of their studies and an opportunity to showcase their personal styles.

Alice Anthony, assistant professor of the practice of art, said that the senior fine art exhibition is a requirement for every graduating fine arts major that provides each with the opportunity to display his or her work.

"It gives the students a real-life experience in putting a show together," Anthony said. "(They) have to edit, mat or

frame work, promote the event, write an artist statement and hang the work in the gallery and have an opening. It is a lot of work, but it will be something the students will never forget."

Robin Holtman, a senior fine arts major with a photography emphasis, said that the exhibition is the culmination of a fine art major's time at Milligan.

"Everyone takes the same classes and learns the same things but everyone develops their own talents," Holtman said. "This is a way we can show our personal form of expression."

Anthony said she thought that the senior fine art shows have been well attended this year as people are being made more aware of where the art gallery

is located. An effort has been made to publicize the shows outside the Milligan community as well, Anthony said.

Holtman said that she thought the fine art shows fit well within Milligan's liberal arts education.

"The arts are part of the liberal arts education," Holtman said. "We spend a lot of time in Humanities learning about art and this is a free and easy way for students to absorb that part of our culture."

Holtman's exhibition, "Serendipity: Random Expressions of Beauty" will open on March 21. Amber Neill's show will open on March 28, and Dimitri Jansen's show will open on April 4. All shows are located in the Milligan College art gallery in the basement of Derthick Hall.

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'Walk with a buddy' policy to begin in fall

Paige E. Wassel

Senior Writer

Due to an unusually high number of accidents on campus hills and stairs, Milligan has decided to institute the "Walk with a Buddy" policy for the 2004-2005 academic year.

"It just seemed to be the most practical move at this point without completely reconstructing the campus landscaping," an administrator said.

The idea for this policy came about when sophomore Sarah Jones fell while walking down Sutton hill four times in one week. After talking to her Resident Assistant about the accidents, Jones said she was disappointed to discover that there weren't any policies in place to ensure her safety.

"It was just so ridiculous," Jones said. "It got to where I didn't feel safe walking to class anymore. So I decided something needed to be done."

Jones presented her concerns at a recent Student Government Association meeting, and after some discussion, the matter was taken to academic committee where the "Walk with a Buddy" policy was drawn up.

According to the new policy, all students must walk with at least one student when crossing campus.

"How it works is that one student places a hand on another student's shoulder so that they can steady themselves if one person trips," SGA President Andrew Hopper said. "It's been a very successful approach in several walking trials."

If a student walks alone, he must sign a waiver releasing the college from any liability should they have an accident while walking around campus. Also, all students will be issued a small first-aid kit at the start of the year to treat such accidents.

Jones said she was satisfied with the new policy, but other students expressed concern that



the policy would not reduce walking accidents in the long-term.

"There just seem to be a lot of holes in the system," said junior Aaron Ritchell. "What if I can't find anyone to come to class with me? Will my education suffer because I refuse to walk at my own risk?"

The college will be including "Walking Buddies" as a work-study option next year in an effort to address these concerns.

"We're really just concerned about student safety," the administrator said. "I think this policy will not only reduce accidents but will also help to promote community on campus."

Work study jobs now available for next year to be a walking buddy. Please see Linda Lawson for more information.

Please stop by the SUB today to fill out your release for or sign up for your official buddy.
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Buff Club becomes an official SGA club

Cassie Lominson

Reporter

Recently, Milligan College's Student Government Association announced the Buff Club as a recent addition to one of their several sponsored clubs.

The Buff Club is for people who have ran three successful runs naked across Milligan's campus. The first run consists of running from Webb Hall's porch to the Hyder House and back. The second run is from Webb Hall to Hyder Auditorium--up the stairs and back. The third is from Webb Hall to the Milligan post Office and back. A potential club mem-

ber must run these three courses naked in order to be initiated into the club.

Ever since its beginning in 1924, more members have joined every year. Most of the members are men; although, a few women from the class of 2005 joined the club as freshmen.

A high-ranking SGA officer said that SGA is sponsoring this club due to its popularity on campus. Ceremonies for the new additions to the club will take place at the beginning of every semester. Each new addition will receive a Buff Club t-shirt.

Several of the females of SGA are working

on Buff Run for women that does not start on Webb Hall's front porch.

"I think it is unfair that (women) have to start out on Webb's porch," said sophomore Lauren Douty. "The guys do not have to run on or by the women's dorms. If we make a new plan for the women, more women will join the Buff Club."

The Buff Club will officially begin in the fall with more than 100 students being inducted into the club.

**Happy April Fool's Day from
the Stampede Staff!**

Funny Stuff

Cafeteria welcomes McDonalds

Mandi Mooney

Assistant Editor

In response to numerous complaints this semester about the quality of food served in the Milligan College cafeteria, Dave Taylor has contracted with McDonald's to open up a new franchise of the burger corporation.

Renovations are scheduled to begin next Monday in the annex. The fast food restaurant is expected to hold a grand opening only a month later. In order to facilitate a profit for Milligan, it will be a McDonald's independent franchise, which means it will be independently owned and operated by the college.

"We've worked hard during negotiations for the past few months in order to provide this service for the students," a head salad-prep worker said.

A few months ago, students were polled about which fast food restaurant was their favorite and which one they would like to see become an integral part of the cafeteria. McDonald's won by a landslide and the administration gave Taylor the go ahead to begin the process of acquiring an independent franchise.



ent franchise.

Even though the students had participated in the survey, the majority of the student body was utterly surprised when the announcement was made yesterday.

"None of us ever thought they would actually go through with

putting a fast food place in the cafeteria," said one student, "I'm

very excited to see this come to life and to actually have a restaurant on campus that is open all day long instead of just certain hours."

Included in the renovations will be a drive-thru window along the east and south corners of Sutton Hall to allow students easy and fast access on their

'None of us ever thought they would actually go through with putting a fast food place in the cafeteria.'

way to class.

Students and faculty will be able to eat inside the restaurant or get their food to go from the drive-thru if they are in a hurry.

Also, Milligan's McDonald's will be open during regular and extended business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Taylor is hoping the extended hours will be beneficial to students who are not able to eat during the scheduled times the cafeteria is open.

Another benefit to Milligan will be the availability of more jobs for student workers who are looking for on-campus employment. There will be job openings for student workers during all hours the restaurant is open. Taylor is also hoping to hire students in managerial positions.

"All in all, the advantages to opening a McDonald's on campus outweigh the disadvantages," the salad-prep worker said. "We are hoping the students agree and that this will solve problems the students have with the cafeteria."

With the addition of McDonalds into the cafeteria, students gain more options for eating at each meal.

"I am so excited about getting to eat McNuggest," said a student.

Lady Buffs basketball team win's NAIA National Championship

Mandi Mooney

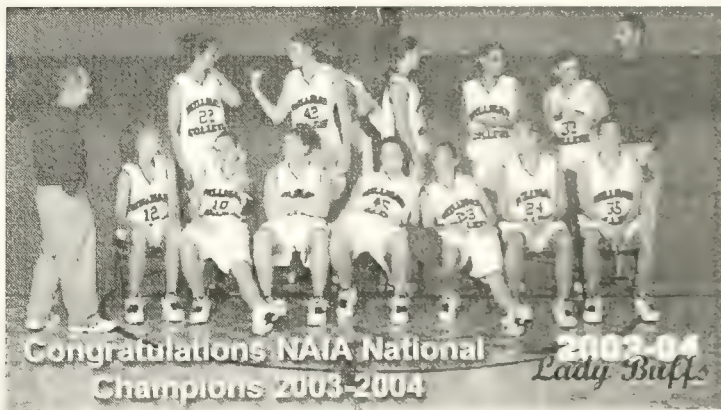
Assistant Editor/ Web Administrator

In an unprecedented run, the Milligan College Lady Buffs managed to come back from a losing season to win the 13th Annual NAIA Women's Division II Basketball National Championship at the Tyson Events Center/Gateway Arena last weekend in Sioux City, Iowa.

The Lady Buffs, whose record for the season was 9-21, faced up against the Cedarville University Yellow Jackets in the final round of the tournament. Cedarville had lost only two games the entire season before competing against Milligan.

"I am extremely proud of my girls," said Head Coach Rich Aubrey, "It's so hard to believe that we were finally able to come together as a team right before tournament time."

The game did not look like it would go in favor of the Lady Buffs during the first half. Cedarville captured the lead from the very beginning and didn't release it for the first 20 minutes of play. Sophomore Kari Stout came



'All I can say is... REPEAT'

-Coach Aubrey

out strong with two three-point baskets in the first two minutes. However, she struggled with the aggressiveness of the Yellow Jackets and received three fouls in the first ten minutes. Junior Ginny White stepped up her game and filled the position left empty by Stout's foul trouble. White scored 10 points, had five assists and two rebounds in the first half alone.

"This was an important game for the team," White said. "We went out there knowing we would have to play better than ever before, and that's what I did."

At the half, Milligan trailed 35-45. The Lady Buffs were determined to win and came out in the second half playing better defense and offense than they had all season. Senior Nikky Jessen finished her college basketball career with her best game of the season with 14 points and four rebounds.

Milligan managed to keep Cedarville from scoring any three-pointers in the second half. In the end, the Yellow Jackets were declared the runners-up with a final score of 87-65.

"I don't think we have ever had a team win only nine games in the regular season to come in and win the national championship," said Director of Championships Natalie Cronkhite. "It was an impressive game played by young women who went out on the court and played their hearts out."

The Lady Buffs returned home with a large trophy to decorate the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse and a bright orange banner declaring Milligan the national champions.

"All I can say for next year is....REPEAT!" Aubrey said.

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'Pirates' opening tonight

Cassie Lomison
Reporter

Milligan College and East Tennessee State University will present the popular Gilbert and Sullivan musical *The Pirates of Penzance* April 1, 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m., and on April 4, at 2 p.m., on the stage of the VA Theatre on the Mountain Home VA facility.

The production includes a cast of 27, an orchestra of 34, a crew of 15 and an artistic staff of 12. Richard Major, chair, area of performing visual and communicative arts, professor of theatre and director of *Pirates*, said that this production is "one of the largest musicals ever mounted in Johnson City," and that the entire production team has "high expectation for this venerable, crowd-pleasing, Gilbert and Sullivan classic."

"All of the artists are among the best and brightest in our region. Working with them has been delightful," Major said. "This is one production that you don't want to miss."

Milligan students in the *Pirates* cast include freshmen Robert Kitchens and Hannah Beth Potter, juniors Missie Mills and Crystal Van Meter, and seniors Annie Tipton and Paige Wassel. Crew members include sophomore Tina LeJeune, junior Josiah Potter and senior Michele Dietz. Orchestra members include freshmen Kathryn Shanks, Rachael Vines and Billy Gibson, sophomores Gina Jury and Chris Byrd and junior Rebekah Abbott. Assistant Professor of Music Kellie Brown is the director of strings and will also be playing in the orchestra during the run of the musical. Associate Professor of Music John Wakefield is the music director for the principal characters.

"We've been working hard the past few months, and with the mix of Milligan, ETSU and the community, the play is going to turn out wonderfully," said Hannah Beth Potter.

Byrd, a string bass player in the orchestra, said that after seeing the cast's acting and singing during rehearsal, he believes that the production is worth going to see.

The hero of the play, Frederic, is a young man whose



accidental indenture to a band of kind, orphaned pirates is about to expire on his 21st birthday. Although he loves the pirates, Frederic decides to leave and dedicate his life to ridding the seas of his comrades. Along the way Frederic meets the Major General and falls in love with Mabel, one of the General's unwed daughters. With the help of dimwitted policemen Frederic seeks out the Pirate King and his pirates. However, Frederic's ambitions are curtailed when he is reminded that his recent birthday was only his fifth since he was born on a leap year. The realization of this truth wreaks silliness and havoc in everyone's plans.

Reservations for tickets are highly recommended and may be made by phone at (423) 439-7576 or by e-mail to theatre@etsu.edu. The Sunday matinee will feature interpreting for the deaf or hard of hearing. Reserve tickets must be picked up no later than 15 minutes prior to curtain and payment may be with check or cash.



The cast of *Pirates of Penzance* had a dress rehearsal on Tuesday evening to prepare for tonight's opening.

Photos by Eric Blum

Undergraduate research conference to take place tomorrow

Paige Wassel
Senior Writer

On April 2, Milligan will host the 11th annual Blue Ridge Undergraduate Research Conference for the second year in a row.

This conference offers undergraduate students in the Southern Appalachian Region the opportunity to present papers summarizing research in their respective majors.

Keely McInturf, a senior psychology major, presented in last year's conference and said that the conference allowed her to get practice in presenting research in a non-intimidating setting.

"It's a way to get your research out there, but there's less pressure," McInturf said. "It's always good to get experience speaking and that way if you go to graduate school you have some experience on what to expect if you do research."

Joy Drinnon, assistant professor of psychology and the chair of the planning committee for this year's conference, said that student presenters can use this event as an opportunity to both present their research and have something that looks good for graduate school and on a résumé. She said that students attending the conference could also benefit from the presentations.

"If they've never been to a conference, it's good to observe it if they plan to (participate) in the future," Drinnon said. "It's good to learn about research in their major and outside it."

Approximately 60 students from 10 colleges and universities in the region are participating in the conference. Milligan students are participating in 13 presentations, Drinnon said.

The keynote speaker for this year's conference is Ted Olson, professor of Appalachian Studies and English courses at East Tennessee State University. Olson will be speaking on "Reviving Tradition after the Millennium: Recent Efforts to Study and Celebrate Appalachian Folk Culture."

Blue Ridge Undergraduate Research Conference Milligan College April 2, 2004

Schedule Highlights

- 9:00 - 10:00 Registration Derthick Student Lounge
- 10:00 - 10:15 Welcome—Derthick 202
- 10:30 - 11:25 Session 1— Derthick and Hardin
- 11:30 - 12:30 Lunch McCormick—Dining Hall
- 12:00-12:30 McCormick Dining Hall
Guest Speaker Ted Olson
- 12:45-1:15 Poster Session—Derthick Student Lounge
- 1:20 - 2:15 Session 2—Derthick and Hardin

Sports

Men's tennis defeats Montreat, loses to Tennessee Wesleyan



Junior Adam Deiwert returns a serve during the match this week against Montreat. The men and women play this Saturday at Liberty Bell beginning at 11:00 a.m.

-Photo by Hannah Bader

Amy Goodlet and Erin Blasinski
Reporter and Editor-in-chief

On Tuesday afternoon, the Milligan men's tennis team defeated Montreat College 7-2 to earned its second win of the season.

Doubles team freshmen Tom Jones and Ryan Reynolds won 8-3 and junior Patrick Mitchell and senior Adam Campbell won 8-2 over Montreat.

"We all played well and had strong matches and we came out and played well," Mitchell said.

The Buffs won five of the six singles matches. Jones defeated Montreat's Nate Kraak 6-2, 6-3, and Reynolds beat Andrew Bauman 6-0, 6-1. Campbell and sophomore Joe Dyer each defeated their opponents 6-2, 6-1. Mitchell came back with aggressive playing after losing his first set 4-6 to win the next two sets 6-0, 6-2.

"We are continuing to get better as the

season unfolds," said Mitchell.

Last weekend the men lost to Tennessee Wesleyan 9-0.

"We played another quality opponent," said coach Rich Aubrey. "I don't think we played as well as we did against King, but perhaps playing on the road had something to do with that."

Senior Adam Campbell came the closest in his singles match as he scored 6-7 in the first game. However, no other singles player scored close to their opponents.

Still, Aubrey is optimistic in his hope for the team's matches this week.

"We get another chance to play Wesleyan this coming weekend," Aubrey said. "Hopefully, we can compete at a higher level on that occasion."

The Milligan men now post a record of 2-5 overall and 2-3 in the AAC. The men and women play this Saturday at Liberty Bell against Tennessee Wesleyan. Match time is set for 11 a.m.

Lady Buffs shut out Union

Mandi Mooney

Assistant Editor/Web Administrator

The Milligan softball team scored two more wins Sunday afternoon when they shut out Appalachian Athletic Conference foe Union College 14-0 and 3-0 in a doubleheader.

"I think we started to hit the ball really well in the first game and our defense did [its] job," said freshman third baseman Megan Aldridge who scored three runs in the first game.

The Lady Buffs scored their first two runs of the day in the second inning as Aldridge and sophomore left fielder Rebecca Gilley reached home plate.

Junior pitcher Brandy Waddle kept the Lady Bulldogs from scoring during the third inning as Milligan picked up six more runs to strengthen their lead to 8-0.

Milligan clinched the win in the

fourth inning when they scored six more runs to put the score at 14-0. The game ended in the fifth inning with Waddle allowing only one hit throughout the entire game.

Along with Aldridge's three runs, senior third baseman Shelby Banion, Gilley, freshman Leah Fritts and Waddle each contributed two runs. Freshmen Ashley Mashburn, Amanda Verner and Smith each added one.

The second game started out just as well as the first when freshman center-fielder Sarah Smith scored in the first inning.

However, neither side scored for another two innings until Milligan freshman Allyson Horner reached home plate. She was followed by Smith who scored her second run of the game.

Waddle came in at the end of the game to relieve junior Traci Harrison,

allowing one final hit. In the end, the Lady Buffs had captured another shut out with a final score of 3-0.

Throughout the day, the Lady Bulldogs were plagued by errors and could not compete against the Lady Buffs who were on the top of their game.

Union only managed one hit in the first game and were still not able to score off of six hits they were allowed in the second game.

The Lady Buffs record now stands at 26-10 for the season and 12-2 in the conference. Milligan was scheduled to play Lees McRae on Tuesday but the game was cancelled because of rain. They will next face Brevard today at home. Game time is at 2 p.m.

"We're getting into the tougher teams of the season in the next couple weeks," said Aldridge. "We're just trying to play up to our potential every game."

Baseball team improves record to 18-15

Ryan Allcott

Reorter

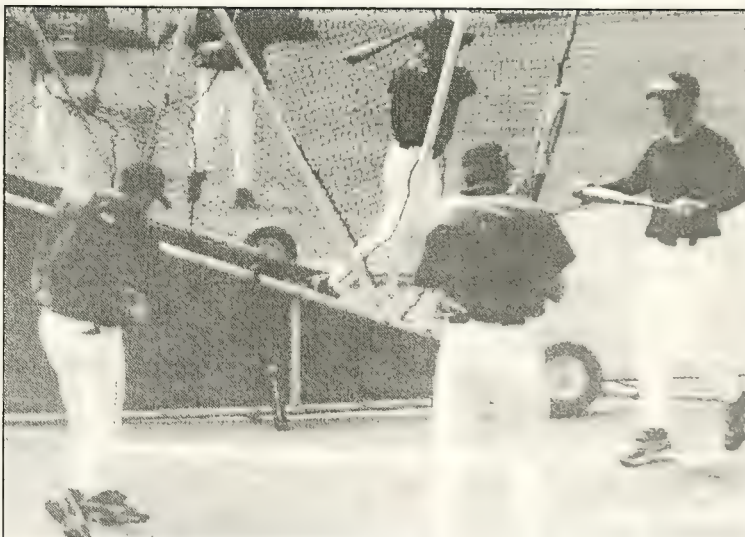
The Milligan baseball team went 2-1 last weekend against Coker College in Hartsville, S.C., winning both games of a doubleheader on Saturday, 5-4 and 8-3 respectively. They struggled on Sunday, falling to the Cobras 1-7.

"The hitters did a good job on Saturday of getting runners in scoring position early in the inning," said freshman Chris Gordon. "On Sunday, we just couldn't get on base with less than two outs, making it hard to get anything going."

Milligan played well on Saturday, led with strong pitching by senior Chad Davis and junior Jacob McAllister. In the first game, junior Nathan Meade had a good day at the plate, going 2-5 with two runs scored.

In the second game, the offense continued their success, with junior Dustin Price batting 3-4 with a two-run homerun and three RBIs. Sophomore David Rusaw went 2-3, driving in one run.

On Sunday, the Buffaloes struggled in the field as well as at the plate. Freshman Stephen Jarrett pitched a total of six



The baseball team warms up before a recent home game. The Buffs defeated Coker College two out of the three games in last weekend's series. They will play tomorrow at 6 p.m. at home against King College and a doubleheader on Saturday at 2 p.m.

-Photo by Hannah Bader

innings, giving up six hits and four runs, one earned. Errors in the field hurt the Buffs as they gave up three unearned runs. In the end, they lost 1-7.

The Buffaloes now stand at 18-15 for the season.

The Buffalo's play at home this weekend in a big conference series against King College. They open the series at home Friday at 6 p.m. The doubleheader on Saturday begins at 2 p.m.

Women defeat Tennessee Wesleyan

BJ Appel

Reporter

The women's tennis team (3-1 Appalachian Athletic Conference, 3-3 overall) defeated the Tennessee Wesleyan Bulldogs 6-3 last Saturday.

The Bulldogs conceded two points before any of the matches began because their no. 2 singles player was out with a critical cut on her finger and another player quit the team earlier in the season.

"Despite the three forfeits I think we would have proved ourselves as a team, because the girls at no. 5 and 6 singles, junior Cheri Lomison and senior Amy Vincent are such great players, and we can almost always count on a number three doubles win from (Vincent) and freshman Krissi Denton," said freshman transfer Amber Campbell.

"I feel certain that when we play (Tennessee Wesleyan) here at Milligan, we will prove to be the better team once again," Campbell said.

With the three forfeited matches, all Milligan had to do was win two points to seal a victory, and, after a shaky opening, they did just that. First, the Lady Buffs lost the two doubles matches. The no. 1 doubles pair of the Lomison sisters, Cheri and Cassie, came back from a 4-7 deficit to tie the match up at 7-7, but ended up losing 7-9. The no. 2 doubles team of senior Lyndsey Bowie and Campbell lost their match as well with a score of 5-8.

After losing the opening matches, the Lady Buffs got their act together and took three of the four singles matches. Cassie Lomison won 7-6 in a tiebreaker; Campbell pummeled her opponent 6-2, 6-2; as did Bowie, 6-3, 6-3. Senior Sara Wallingford was the only player who failed to secure a victory, losing 2-6, 0-6.

"As a team I think we are playing really well right now, we have a strong team with depth this year, which I think sets us a part from the other teams in the conference," Campbell said.

The Lady Buffs will play against UVA Wise at home today at 2 p.m.

News

Changes bring new options to cafeteria

Missie Mills

Assistant Editor

Milligan Dining Services, McCormick Dining Center and the SUB Grill have seen many changes this semester, due in part to Student Government Association input.

Director of Food Services David Taylor said the changes, including Milligan Roasters in the cafeteria and smoothies and breakfast exchange meals served in the Grill are "things that had come up in a meeting" with SGA President Andrew Hopper and SGA Secretary Jacie Patterson.

"Dave (Taylor) really has been great about petitioning on behalf of the students," Patterson said. "Not only does he want to hear what we want changed, but he takes it upon himself to come up with things to change that we might not even notice."

"All it takes is getting the information," said Taylor, who implemented the Milligan Roasters (roasted chicken) option at the beginning of the semester.

According to Taylor, food services tries to add or tweak a feature every semester, and the M.C. Roasters is this semester's addition to the cafeteria.

The cafeteria also received a new toaster, thanks to a recommendation by the Food Committee. "(The committee) asked us to add a toaster," Taylor said. "The avenues of communication do work."



Pennies cheaper than Seattle's Best, Pura Vida is a "fair trade" company committed to raising money for at-risk children in coffee growing countries.

-Photo by Hannah Bader

"Students should be aware that their advice or ideas are always welcome," said food committee chair Michele Dietz. "In the two years that I've been food chair, I have seen some great improvements as the direct result of student feedback."

Island Oasis smoothies were introduced to the students in January as well as breakfast exchange meals in the Grill, which began earlier this semester. Taylor said that seven or eight students use the breakfast exchange meal option every day. The exchange meal lasts from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and consists of a main item (sausage biscuit, croissant, etc.), fruit, and choice of drink.

Other recent cafeteria additions include orange juice that is available all day long, a cappuccino machine, blueberry bagels and Pura Vida brand coffee.

In 2003, Starbucks purchased

Seattle's Best Coffee Co., which Taylor said resulted in poor customer service.

"Since the buyout, we haven't been happy," Taylor said. "You can't talk to a live person on the phone."

Taylor received information in the mail about Pura Vida. Pennies cheaper than Seattle's Best, Pura Vida is a "fair trade" company committed to raising money for at-risk children in coffee growing countries.

Taylor said the switch to Pura Vida makes sense.

"We're already using (coffee). Why not switch to a product that will benefit people directly?" Taylor said. "It is a good fit for us."

Beginning this month, students will be able to get frozen coffee in the Grill. Flavors will include mocha, vanilla and caramel.

Magazine class taking on 'real-world' experience

Courtney Ruth

Student Life Editor

433: The name of an asteroid orbiting the sun or the amount of megahertz in a remote thermometer. Here at Milligan, 433 is the communications area course number for The American Magazine. 433 is also the name of the magazine that the class will be distributing, free of charge for the Milligan community, on May 3, if all goes as planned.

"I'm loving it," said Associate Professor of Communications and professor of the class Jim Dahlman, who acts as the adviser for the magazine. Dahlman said the students have stepped up to the energetic and intense level that is required for this production class.

Students say they are finding COMM 433 helpful for those who are interested in working magazine publishing. Sophomore Hannah Bader said she has learned the ins and outs of magazine art direction including choosing colors for the cover, design elements and marking techniques.

As the time for compilation and production of 433 draws near however, many find they are feeling the stress.

"It is a lot of work, and I'm under quite a bit of pressure with other classes and having to work full-time as well," said senior Steve Burwick.

Dahlman and Bader both commented that the class is attempting to cram six months to two years of work into one month, which puts an enormous weight on all seven of the students involved.

The class has been offered once in the past, during the spring of 2002. According to the Dahlman the class has "changed radically" since then from a traditional, business oriented class in which the students had to research and create a detailed plan for a magazine and then pitch their idea to someone in the magazine industry to a real-life production class.

"It's kind of a trial and error learning experience, but that's part of the fun of it," Burwick said.

Part of that real-life production is about raising money for the production of 433.

"Right now we're thinking with a color cover and color pages in the magazine it will be between \$2,200 and \$2,600," Bader said.

So far the class has received a \$200 grant from the Student Government Association, a \$200 grant from the Army Foundation Fund (an organization that encourages Christians to be involved in mainstream media), \$250 from the Milligan Fine Arts Council, a \$500 grant from the Fieldstead and Co. (a non-profit organization that has sponsored lectureships at Milligan in the past) and a few donations from individuals.

Another situation the group had to tackle was the division of job titles. The class looked up various positions in the magazine industry and came up with a main job and a secondary job for each student.

Students and teacher alike agree the final result will be impressive, both for those who receive the magazine and for the staff members as a résumé builder.

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Reporter

What have you accomplished this past year as SGA Vice President that you plan on continuing next year?

Some of the changes that occurred in SGA last year included the new PR position, which has been a very good addition and the (SGA) Web site, which was completed by the PR representative. I also organized the blood drives, which included a switch from the Red Cross to the Marsh Run Regional Blood Center.

You were involved in the Student Leader Ambassador Program (SLAP) program, can you tell me more about this and how that turned out this year?

SLAP... is basically a day where high school leaders (usually student councils) come to campus to spend time with our SGA. They talk to the executive council about some things that they do in their school, problems they have and activities that we do here that they could do. Then they attend our meeting to see how a college student government works. We had a group scheduled to come last week, but they had some scheduling conflicts and weren't able to make it. Hopefully, they'll be here later in the semester.

Are there any new ideas for next year's administration that you're planning?

Some improvements I have planned for next year's administration include tighter communication between committee chair people and executive council. There are so many things we could be doing with our clubs and organizations that we aren't right now because it's easy to lose contact.

I would like to include prayer as a stronger force in the council. We are working on a Student Leadership conference for next year. This would take place over a weekend where we would invite several other schools to participate. I would also like to strengthen the bond between students and administration. This is a complaint that we hear from students often, so I will work with my council to fix this problem.

You said listening to students and getting their input is very important to you. How are you planning on getting input from students for next year?

The "surprise" open forum at Opie's (Pizza) is something that we would like to repeat. Also, we are working on setting up either a list serve or an area on our Web site where students can voice concerns. I have also considered having SGA meetings in more accessible places (the cafeteria during dinner for instance or SUB 7) to encourage more students to attend.

What individual strengths do the members of your council add to the administration, and how do you plan to accentuate these strengths?

I think the strongest thing about our entire council this year is that it represents a wide range of the student body. This will allow us to hear the range of opinions on campus. I will be encouraging individual participation in meetings with more of a discussion atmosphere, so that all these opinions can be heard.

What feedback have you gotten from students about your plans for next year?

I have heard very positive things from the students. Several people have offered to help, and it seems like communication lines between the student body and SGA will be very open next year!

Christians debate violence in films:
Has 'The Passion' created a double standard?

Mandi Mooney

Assistant Editor/ Web Administrator

For the past month, the world has been held in rapt attention by Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*. Since its release on Feb. 25, *The Passion* has made over \$300 million. The major contributors to the film's immediate success have been the Christian churches. For months prior to the film's release, churches were given private screenings of the film to help facilitate a larger audience and to spread the word about *The Passion*. Since its release, churches all across America have purchased tickets in mass quantities to sell to their members.

However, churches and Christians are now being accused of creating a double standard because they are advocating a movie that shows violence that many previously spoke out against.

"When I was in high school, I wasn't allowed to watch R-rated movies," said junior Sara Fowler.

Like Fowler, many Milligan students who grew up in Christian homes say they were not allowed to see R-rated movies. However, many of these same households are now accepting the violence because of the nature of the story and are viewing the film, often more than once. Even ministers and youth ministers are promoting what is being called by critics one of the most violent films to their churches, including to teenagers who are under the legal age for seeing an R-rated movie in the theater.

"I can see how that (double standard) case can be

made. However, if you made a movie out of the whole Bible, there would be a lot of R-rated material or worse," said campus minister Nathan Flora. "We've been trained to read the Bible with rose-colored glasses where we don't see the kind of offensive materials that it contains."

Flora agrees that *The Passion* warrants the P-rating because the violence is the crucial part of the story.

Assistant Professor of Communications Kenny Suit feels that the double standard has to do with the church's apathy towards on-screen violence.

"We don't seem to mind going to see an action film with a lot of gun play. The minute it becomes sexual, we get uncomfortable with it," Suit said. "Had Jesus been on the cross naked, which is probably what it was...I think some churches and some Christians would have been a bit more uncomfortable with the film."

Nevertheless, many churches are now beginning to reevaluate their positions on R-rated movies. *The Passion* has opened the doors for some Christians to examine a film before placing judgment based solely on its rating.

"The question is going to come up later when somebody tries to do, for instance, an Old Testament film that is true to the biblical narrative, true to the biblical text. It would be very graphic, both sexually and in terms of the violence," Suit said. "I think that is when you're going to get Christians who will begin to debate whether their children should see the film."

When that time comes, Christians will be forced to reevaluate their position once again.

One Act auditions



Over 30 people auditioned for roles in 7 plays in this year's one-act festival. Directors of the short plays are all students in the Fundamentals of Directing class, instructed by Richard Major. Casts are currently rehearsing for the three-day event that will take place in SUB 7 April 26 to 28.



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Construction begins on new tennis court complex

Erin Blasinski

Editor-in-Chief

Construction crews were seen on campus last week as work began to build the new tennis complex at the site of the old physical plant.

Constructing new tennis courts for the Milligan College campus has been on the drawing board for five years, according to Milligan President Don Jeanes. The new tennis complex is part of the \$30 million Milligan College Campaign for Christian Leadership, the capital campaign project that will eventually include a new campus center and theatre for the college.

According to Todd Norris, vice president for institutional advancement, the timing of building the new courts is in conjunction with plans for a new theater and campus center. Jeanes said that locating the new courts at the old site of the physical plant is one of the long-range goals for improving the Milligan campus.

"Though we are not ready to build the campus center at this time, the current courts are in poor condition," Jeanes said. He said that repairing the current courts would be a waste of money because they would have to be moved when the campus center construction begins.

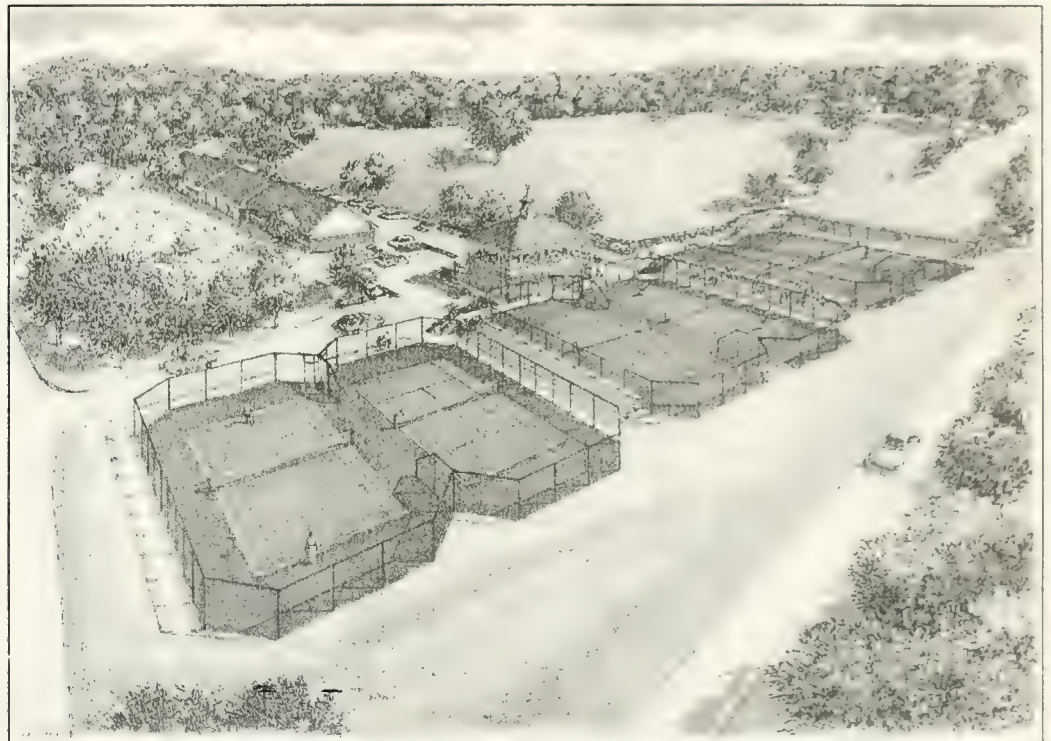
The new tennis complex will have six courts with professional lighting, stands for spectators and a field house with locker rooms and storage.

"[The facility] will allow us to host all home events on campus concurrent with the men's team," said Marvin Glover, women's tennis coach.

The courts and stands will be part of the first completed phase of the project with the field house being constructed at a later time.

"At this time, we chose not to construct a [field house] building," said Jeanes. "The construction of this facility will occur whenever there is adequate funding."

According to Jeanes, a bid was competitively made for the construction



Architect's rendering of Milligan tennis complex

- Image courtesy of Institutional Advancement Office

project. He said he would "prefer not to give" the estimated final cost of the project but said the costs will exceed \$500,000.

Norris said at the current time, \$140,000 has been raised for the complex.

"We will move forward with faith that people will support the project," Norris said of the fundraising project.

Raising money from alumni and friends of the college has been the main source for funding the project.

"The initiative for the fund-raising came from a local alumnus, Tom Jones,"

Jeanes said. "He along with Coach Glover and Coach Aubrey wanted to hold a tennis tournament to raise money."

Jeanes said that the idea was expanded and the decision was made to name the new courts after Dr. W.T. Mathes, Milligan alum, a local physician and a nationally ranked amateur tennis player.

The first Milligan/Mathes Marathon Tournament was held last fall and "was quite successful" according to Jeanes. The tennis teams plans to host another tournament in the fall of 2004.

"The tournament has been very

crucial with fundraising," Norris said. "It has helped focus fund-raising efforts in context with the tournament."

According to Jeanes, the construction should be completed by Nov. 2, 2004.

Norris said the new tennis courts and complex will benefit the campus for a long time because the final project will be a first-class facility.

"The new complex should be a nice recruiting aid, plus it affords the Milligan community a top-notch facility for recreation and teaching," Glover said.

Eat mor chikin: Chick-fil-A president speaks in convo

Mandi Mooney

Assistant Editor/Web Administrator

The third annual Leaders in Christian Service convocation began in an unusual way Tuesday morning when the President and Chief Operating Officer of Chick-fil-A Dan Cathy initiated the first "cow toss" in Seeger Memorial Chapel amid cheers from the audience.

Cathy visited Milligan with enough of Chick-fil-A's beanie cows for the entire student body and brought a different approach to the idea of a servant leader to the Milligan and surrounding community.

In his address, Cathy stressed that the marketplace has just as much as a calling for Christians as churches do. Many Christians feel it is necessary to be involved with the church or missions to receive a calling, but Cathy expressed that there is a need for Christians in the business world as well.

"I thought it was a good way to put it because too many times people associate God's will with the church," said sophomore Bible ministry major Josh Kaminsky. "They don't understand that God's mission is for you to be in the workplace and show the love of Christ there."

"There is no such thing as a Christian business," Cathy said. "It's an issue of personal ethics and private decisions."

Cathy also urged students to always stay in touch with the changes occurring constantly in the marketplace and the world. On the other hand, he expressed the importance of staying in touch with traditions and values.

"It's just as important to know that while the world is dramatically changing, it's equally important to know that some things never change and never will change in business," Cathy said.

The convocation was designed to

celebrate and honor leaders in the Tri-Cities region that exhibit the traits of a servant leader such as building community in the workplace and accepting others. Servant leaders make the distinction between a career and a calling for their lives. The 12 individuals who were honored had been nominated by their peers, colleagues and family.

Milligan's avenue of celebrating those who have worked so hard throughout their lives to serve others had a profound impact upon the student body.

"I think (convo) could open some people's eyes and let them realize that you can serve to people in your workplace," Kaminsky said.

The servant leaders were each given an award in the shape of the basin and towel that symbolize the lives of Christian service to which Milligan commits itself.

The two objects serve as a reminder

of Jesus Christ who washed the feet of his disciples.

Cathy also added another reminder of servant leadership in the form of a shoe shining brush. He explained that he began handing out the brushes as "leadership development tools" to Chick-fil-A workers who exemplified the characteristics of servants.

Chick-fil-A, which began as a family-based boardinghouse in 1946, has flourished into one of the largest privately owned restaurant chains in the nation. Their mission statement is to "glorify God by being a faithful steward of all this is entrusted to us and to have a positive influence on all who come in contact with Chick-fil-A."

"For heaven's sake, please eat more chicken!" said Cathy to end convocation.

Sports

Q&A with Chris Wright

Sophomore Chris Wright recently competed in the Sea Ray Relays at the University of Tennessee. He finished in fifth place in the final run of the men's 5,000-meter run with a time of 15 minutes and 6 seconds, a new lifetime best. The placing qualifies him for the national outdoor championships scheduled for the end of May at the University of Louisville.

Assistant Editor Mandi Mooney recently talked with Wright about the competition and his goals for the national competition.

Q: What kind of competition was at the meet? How many other runners were you competing against?

A: There were 16 others competitors in the race who were all division I runners.

Q: What do you think you did differently during the race to give you a lifetime best?

A: I went out a little smarter and more conservative and stayed mid-pack and let the leaders break the wind to conserve more energy. My training has been really good. I'm really smart about my training and pacing. I ran pretty even splits in the race as compared to negative which is coming out really fast and then slowing down or vice versa.

Q: What was your reaction to placing fifth?

A: It wasn't necessarily my reaction to the placing, it was more the time that I was going against. I was running against the clock. I still didn't accomplish my goal. I want to win NAIA nationals in the (5,000-meter) run. The winning time last year was 14:50. Every time I've run the 5,000... I've gotten 15-20 seconds faster. I feel that if I keep up that level of improvement, I can reach the winning time of nationals in my next race. Then if I keep up that time, I can win even faster at nationals. So my goal is to run it in about 14:35.

Q: What kind of training do you do during the season?

A: I'm running about 70 miles a week. Three out of the seven days a week are speed sessions - speed workout on the track. Distance running is a combination of speed and endurance. There's a saying: To run fast, you have to train fast.

Q: Are you excited about competing in the outdoor championships in May?

A: I am very, very excited about the outdoor championship. I've been training hard for the competition and I've been looking forward to it for over a year now.

Mandi Mooney

Assistant Editor/Web Administrator

The Buffs added three more wins to their record last weekend when they defeated Appalachian Athletic Conference rival Bluefield College with final scores of 4-3, 6-4, 6-5.

In the Friday evening game, the teams battled it out through 11 innings. Milligan appeared to have captured the win until the eighth inning when Bluefield's Robby Lanham hit a two-run homerun to tie the score at three. The Buffs struggled through another three innings until junior Dustin Price hit the game-winning run.

Senior Chad Davis pitched the first eight innings of the game until junior Nathan Chandler came in to relieve him for the last three innings.

The Sunday afternoon game started off in favor of Bluefield when they scored

a run in the second inning. Sophomore Will Little tied the score up when he reached home after a single from junior Nathan Meade.

The lead was tossed back and forth between the teams until the bottom of the fifth inning when freshmen Rodney Sells, Ben Huff, sophomore David Rusaw, and juniors Justin Price and Meade all scored and brought the score to 6-1. Although Bluefield attempted to catch up, they could not manage to score enough runs to beat the Buffs. In the end, the Buffs won 6-4.

Chandler came in during the last inning to relieve junior Jacob McAllister who allowed only four runs.

The final game of the series was scoreless for the first three innings. In the bottom of the fourth inning, the Buffs dominated the field as they scored six

runs. Sells, McAllister, Mede, Little, freshman Cody Whitlock and sophomore Garrett Reed each added a single run to bring the score to 6-0.

However, the Buffs victory was not sealed as Bluefield scored five runs in the seventh inning. Nevertheless, Milligan was able to hold Bluefield back and completed the three-game sweep with a final score of 6-5. Senior Chris Shockley pitched all but the last one-third of the game, allowing nine hits. Senior Todd Speas came in to pitch for the last part of the inning.

The three victories brings Milligan's record for the season to 26-16 and 14-5 in the conference. The Buffs, who are currently in fifth place in the AAC, are next scheduled to play at Alice Lloyd College Saturday at 1 p.m.

Softball team poised for top AAC finish



-Photo by Theron Humphrey

Cassie Lomison
Reporter

The Lady Buffs softball team won five of the six games it played last week by taking both doubleheaders against Brevard and Union and splitting with Tennessee Wesleyan.

"They have eight conference games remaining and are in a position to challenge for the top spot in the (Appalachian Athletic Conference) if the hitting can improve and we solidify the play in the infield," said coach Wes Holly.

The team's conference record is 17-3

with two of the losses coming from the March 18 games on the road against Brevard. The Lady Buffs proved victorious at home on April 5 over the Lady Tornados, winning 1-0 and 6-1.

Two days later the team swept again, beating Union 5-2 and 7-1 on Union's field.

The following day the Lady Buffs returned home and played one of their biggest competitors, Tennessee Wesleyan. The team came out strong in the first game and won 4-0 but lost 1-2 in the second game.

"We are young, especially in the infield, and made a couple of crucial errors in the second game of the series and could not get the clutch hit when needed," Holly said.

Holly said he was pleased with the pitchers' performances over the six games, especially with junior Brandy Waddle who threw a one-hit shutout and a two-hit shutout in the three and a half games she pitched.

The Lady Buffs, whose record for the season stands at 31-11, play their next game at home against Bluefield today.

Women's tennis falls to Virginia Intermont

Courtney Ruth
Student Life Editor

The women's tennis team lost 2-7 during their biggest match of the conference to Virginia Intermont College on April 5. Milligan, no. 2 in the Appalachian Athletic Conference, was playing for the no. 1 slot that Virginia Intermont held.

"It was a tight match," said sophomore Cassie Lomison. "With all of

the close matches that went on, it gives us hope and confidence for our conference tournament that is coming up."

Milligan only took two matches at three doubles with senior Amy Vincent and freshman Krissi Denton winning 8-4 and number five singles with junior Cheri Lomison winning 6-3, 7-6(5).

"I think the team tried really hard," Denton said. "Given a few breaks here and there, I think things would have ended up

different."

Cheri Lomison said she believes the double matches will be the key component to the team's success in the conference tournament.

"If we do well in doubles, then I think we have a very good chance of advancing to regionals," Cheri Lomison said.

The Lady Buffs' record is now 4-2 in the AAC and 4-5 overall. The team's next match is today at 2 p.m. at home.

News

One Acts continue 18-year tradition

Erin Blasinski
Editor-in-Chief

Seven plays and three student films will be presented to the Milligan community during the One Act plays and Film

always been the one to perform for the audience, VanMeter said the transition to being a director has been interesting.

"I'm definitely used to being on the other side of the actor/directing thing," VanMeter said. "I feel like this will stretch my communication skills as well as improve my understanding of theater."

Each of Major's directing students must choose a play, conduct auditions, cast for his or her play, rehearse and prepare for the production of the festival. Major said that he wants his students to have practical experience because directing is "such a personal odyssey."

"It is...all about organization and planning, interpersonal communication and building a bond with a group of people to achieve something that is greater than any one person could possibly achieve on (his or her) own," Major said.

Major also said he thinks that one of the best additions to the festival has been the inclusion of short films.

Three student-directed and produced films will be shown as part of the festival on Thursday April 29 and 7 p.m. in Wilson Auditorium. Seniors Eric Blackburn, Philip Brock and Eric Starr will each have a film in the festival.

Blackburn's film, entitled *Checkers*, was written and produced by Blackburn.

Festival on April 26, 27, 28 and 29.

The One Act play festival has been a tradition since 1987 when Richard Major, chair, area of performing, visual and communicative arts professor of theatre decided to "energize student involvement in theater." The first festival was held outside in the courtyard of Hart Hall.

"The idea was to get close to a ready audience who would be dining in the cafeteria," Major said. "The strategy worked as the plays attracted several hundred students each night."

Victoria Bailey, Eric Blackburn, Amber Carderelli, Natasha Hill, Josiah Potter, Martha Rose and Crystal VanMeter are the seven students in Major's directing class this semester who are each taking on the task of directing a play. In addition to Major's directing class students, 40 Milligan students will be involved as actors and crew members.

"It was my intention (when I began the festival) to ignite a spark of enthusiasm among students," Major said, "to give them an opportunity to experience first hand the craft of directing a project from beginning to end."

Junior Crystal VanMeter is directing a version of *Romeo and Juliet*. Having

"The basic plot line has to do with two young boys who are grounded and are involved with a physically abusive parent," Blackburn said. "The themes contemplate suicide and child abuse... and it's got a few surprises at the end."

Blackburn said that he is excited to see his film and his play in the festival.

Starr wrote the story and screenplay for his film, tentatively titled *Dilemma*.

"The film has been a stressful and trying experience at times," Starr said. "It has also been rewarding and extremely enlightening as to the process of making a film. I have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to

work with friends that I have made over the past few years."

Brock's film, *The Writing Process*, is about a man who attempts to come to terms with his recent break up when outside forces change the way he lives his life.

Kenny Suit, associate professor of performing, visual and communicative arts, said, "Making a short film is a great experience for students because it teaches them to plan ahead, to be good stewards of their time and to focus their creativity towards a definite goal."

"It was my intention to ignite a spark of enthusiasm among students..."

-Richard Major

One Act Play Festival

(All plays are free to the public, SUB 7 doors open at 6 p.m.)

Monday April 26

The Ugly Duckling,

directed by Amber Carderelli

The Parable of the Lighthouse,

directed by Victoria Bailey

Arabian Nights,

directed by Natasha Hill

Tuesday April 27

Romeo and Juliet (abridged),

directed by Crystal VanMeter

My Friends,

directed by Josiah Potter

Wednesday April 28

The Reunion,

directed by Eric Blackburn

Here we Are,

directed by Martha Rose

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Student interest supports new house courses

Missie Mills

Assistant Editor

Based on the number of students signing up for the House Course program in the fall, many of the student course instructors are pleased with the enrollment figures for their classes.

Course instructor Abby Conley said that she "was really surprised that there was this much student interest" in the house courses.

According to Conley, several professors have been discussing "a lot of student interest" in the house courses.

Conley said that students have also asked her about *American Jesus*, the course she is teaching.

"People have been coming to talk to me about (the course), saying 'we'd like to take your course,'" Conley said.

Instructor Aaron Gilley has been experiencing the same reactions.

"I've received a lot of feedback on my course," said Gilley, who will teaching

Christ in Relationships. "Surprisingly, many people told me straight out they were going to take the course without even asking for any more specific details."

At press time, the Registrar's office said that ten students have enrolled in *Christ in Relationships*, the highest number followed by nine students in *Body Image & the Media*.

Gilley credits this high number to the course's real-life application.

"I think that people are taking my course as opposed to others because it's very practical," Gilley said, "It's a topic that anyone could find interest in because it applies to everyone."

Junior Karen Alexander is taking *Christ in Relationships*, and said she thinks the house courses are a good idea.

"It's going to be interesting to get the classes out of the classrooms and into an informal setting," Alexander said.

Alexander believes the courses will "change the dynamics of the class and

allow for more discussions." She said she is in support of the pass/fail grading system.

"Pass/fail will allow you to continue to like the course without struggling to make the A," she said.

Junior Claire Miller is enrolled in *Body Image & the Media*, and said she is excited by the novelty of the course.

Miller said she is taking the course because it is something she is interesting in and nothing like it has ever been offered at Milligan.

"I am excited that I get to take a class taught by another student," Miller said. "I think that it's important for students to share their expertise with others."

According to Gilley, teaching a house course will provide real life experience.

"I hope to teach at the college level one day, and I think that this will give me a small yet helpful understanding about what being a 'professor' holds," Gilley said.

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Features

From the Wire

Ashcroft blames Clinton administration for intelligence failure: In a 9/11 Commission meeting on Tuesday, Attorney General John Ashcroft blamed the Clinton administration for intelligence failures prior to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Ashcroft said that the policies of the Clinton administration and its "deliberate neglect" of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's computer technology made it possible for the Al Qaeda to plan and execute their attacks. The FBI computer system contained 42 different "antique" systems.

"The simple fact of Sept. 11 is this, we did not know an attack was coming because for nearly a decade our government had blinded itself to its enemies," Ashcroft said. In regard to Clinton-era policies, Ashcroft referred to a 1995 document that was designed to separate criminal investigators from intelligence agents in an effort to safeguard individual rights. He also noted that, in the fiscal budget that was still effective during 9/11, the Clinton-era administration "allotted \$36 million less for computer development than the budget of the first administration of the first President George Bush eight years earlier."

Medical company to help paraplegics operate computer by thought: According to a *New York Times* article, a company called Cyberkinetics in Foxborough, Mass. is developing medical implants in a program called BrainGate that could eventually "help people with spinal cord injuries, strokes, Lou Gehrig's disease or other ailments to communicate better or even to operate lights and other devices through a kind of neural remote control." Research groups have already placed devices in monkeys that allow them to control cursors on computer screens or move robot arms using their brainpower alone, and the groups hope to soon perform trials in people. Devices have long been implanted in the brains of patients with Parkinson's disease to deliver pulses of electricity that reduce tremors and rigidity. But systems like BrainGate do not deliver current. Instead, they listen to the electrical signals produced by the brain's neurons as they work. The aim is to discern a pattern of neuronal activity indicating the intention to initiate a particular physical movement.

Bodies found in Iraq may be U.S. civilians: Four unidentified bodies were found near Baghdad on Tuesday after U.S. officials said that kidnappers in Iraq are holding about 40 foreigners from 12 nations. They vowed not to negotiate for their freedom. "We will not negotiate with terrorists and kidnappers," said coalition adviser Dan Senor, revealing that the FBI and other international law enforcement agencies had been assigned to the case. "We are working to pursue the hostages and the hostage-takers." The abductions of foreigners may be a new tactic in an underground war to drive the West from Iraq. Adam Ereli, a State Department spokesman in Washington, said coalition authorities in Baghdad were in the process of identifying the bodies. The State Department had contacted the families of the seven Americans who are missing. Also on Tuesday, the U.S. military lost two more American soldiers and another helicopter, but it reported the first decline in the week-old surge of confrontations between U.S. forces and insurgents.

-information compiled by J. Ann Tipton and Paige E. Wassel with information from the New York Times

Plastic surgery: Has reality TV gone too far?

J. Ann Tipton
Copy Editor

The plastic surgery trend in reality TV has raised several red flags that need to be thought and talked about. I am concerned for the people who are on the shows and for the viewers of these shows who think that what happens on screen is a remedy for their poor self-esteem. This reality craze can be found on at least two network TV stations (NBC and FOX) and one cable station (MTV).

In fact, MTV's show called *I Want a Famous Face* goes so far as to tout itself as a documentary with the show's promos proudly proclaiming that "MTV documents a new phenomenon..." Each show follows a young person who desperately wants to look like a celebrity and is willing to endure painful plastic surgery and rehabilitation to achieve the look. So far this season, viewers have met women who want to look like Pamela Anderson, Kate Winslet and Britney Spears. Maybe even a little more disturbing are the men who have had surgery to look like Elvis, Brad Pitt and one transsexual who was transformed into a bizarre version of Jennifer Lopez.

What?!

Then there's FOX's new show called *The Swan* (a play on words from the story of the ugly duckling) where the show calls itself a "fairy tale (that) turns into reality." During a three-month transformation of diet, exercise, dental work, wardrobe, makeup and plastic surgery, female contestants will not be allowed to look in a mirror until the total transformation is complete and they compete in a beauty pageant.

What what?!

Seeing the hurt and the inadequate feelings that these people have makes my heart ache. Playing the "easy fix"

card through plastic surgery seems so cheap and very hopeless. When I am honest, I know that I'm not completely satisfied with myself, but as cliché as it sounds, if I just revert back to Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood days, a small voice in my head tells me that I am liked just for being me.

Then, as a child of God, I can't help but wonder what he thinks of the fact that we watch plastic surgery for entertainment. Genesis 1:27 tells us that God created humans in his own image. Some may argue that doing anything to change our images, even dieting or dying our hair, may go against the image of God that he created in us. While I think this view is a little extreme, I do think that appearance-altering surgery such as we're seeing on reality TV is walking a thin line of playing God.

Don't get me wrong; plastic surgery reality shows aren't evil incarnate or even all bad. I have seen at least one episode of NBC's *Extreme Makeover* where individuals with serious dental, sight and hearing problems were helped with corrective and plastic surgery. In these instances, however, it was so much more rewarding to experience the joy of seeing a serious abnormality get fixed rather than a certain body part or two be enhanced.

In many ways, these body-transforming surgeries that are being glorified in some reality shows are sending direct disrespect to the Creator of the human form. In 1 Corinthians 6, Paul reminds us that our bodies are temples for the Holy Spirit and that as Christians, we do not own ourselves. The blood of Christ has bought us, and he deserves the honor of our perfect creation, no matter how imperfect we think our bodies are. We should admire human uniqueness and find beauty in each person if for no other reason than that God doesn't make mistakes.

With less than a month until graduation, seniors continue to search out job prospects. In a recent interview, Director of Student Success Leslie Glover described how Milligan's career services center may be able to help:

Q: For seniors graduating in May, is it too late to utilize the college's career services?

A: No, it's not too late, but time is of essence. Some seniors will take a break right after graduation and then focus on the next step. Some started the process earlier in terms of finding employment or completing graduate school applications and now just waiting until May 9 to graduate.

Q: What services can the career center offer seniors at this point?

A: Employment searches, grad school options, on-line career searches, resume assistance and the latest information on where the jobs are and who's hiring.

Q: What steps should students take who want to utilize these services?

A: Stop by and complete a registration card (Upper SUB - Monday - Friday during regular hours). Tuesday evenings the Center is open to 7 p.m.

Q: What outside resources are good for seniors to look into?

A: Monster, CareerBuilder.com, Jobs.com, MSN Career Center, just to name a few

Information compiled by Paige Wassel

Career Fair Today!

Looking for a job or internship?

Go to Bristol today and talk to representatives from WCYB TV 5, James H. Quillen VAMC, Wells Fargo Financial, FBI, Appalachian School of Law, Wellmont Health Systems and many more.

See Leslie Glover for more information

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Milligan explores master's in counseling

Missie Mills

Assistant Editor

Milligan is considering a graduate program in counseling, according to Dr. Lori Mills, associate professor of psychology.

"We have certainly had people who said they wish we had a counseling program here," Mills said.

Academic Dean Mark Matson said he is receptive to the idea of a master's in counseling program because it would "allow (Milligan) to have a uniquely Christian focused program that helps people and would both utilize faculty strengths, and allow for some strengthening of the undergraduate psychology program."

"I asked for a study about the feasibility of a master's in counseling here at Milligan," Matson said. Since then, the

psychology staff has been developing ideas about the program, and exploring its possibility.

The program is now in what Matson calls "a study phase."

Mills said the staff has developed possible course descriptions and sequences of when courses might be taken, as well as possible tuition costs.

"We are still looking at costs, and also at the demand of the program," Matson said.

According to Mills, Matson has been very deliberate about how to proceed with the program. She said he is not trying to make money, but to simply break even on costs.

Mills said the staff only wants to proceed with the concept if there is a demand for it.

"We're trying to find whether it might

be a nice addition that fills a need," Mills said.

To gauge undergraduate student interest in such a program, Mills sent out a mass e-mail to all Milligan students requesting them to take a five-minute survey. Mills said the survey is "somewhat representative of how much interest there might be."

Out of the 56 people who responded to the survey, 86 percent said that they agree or strongly agree with the statement, "I am interested in pursuing a master's degree in counseling."

Eighty-three percent said that they agreed or strongly agreed that they would consider Milligan's counseling program if Milligan were to offer one.

Another possibility is a co-op with Emmanuel School of Religion where students could get a joint degree in coun-

seling and divinity. Mills said this would be something unique and attractive to offer students.

"It's tricky," Mills said, "because we want (the degree) to be able to be finished in four years" as compared to the normal three years necessary for divinity and two for counseling.

"We're not sure where that is headed," Matson said, "but that is at least there as a part of our thinking."

Mills said Milligan's master's in counseling may begin as early as Fall 2005.

"If that is the case," Mills said, "we would have to make a decision soon mainly because of recruiting."

According to Matson, the program is still purely conceptual and has not been brought before the Academic Committee or to the President's Cabinet.

Milligan purchases land behind MSA

Cassie Lomison

Reporter

Milligan College recently purchased 35.79 acres of land behind married student housing and the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse. Included on the piece of land are a ranch style house and a barn.

This property is the only piece of land that is immediately adjacent to the campus.

"No other property is as advantageous as this piece (of land) because we would have to cross the Milligan Highway, Buffalo Road, or Alf Taylor Road," said President Don Jeanes.

According to Jeanes, the Milligan board of trustees has wanted to buy a part of the 157-acre farm for several years, but it had not been for sale. Betty Reaser Range, owner of the property, died a few years ago and her children Earl Taylor, Susan Carson, and Sam Taylor knew of Milligan's desire to purchase part of the 157 acres. The children contacted Milligan about a year ago and wanted the college to buy the entire farm.

"We did not need that much property," Jeanes said, "and we couldn't agree on a price."

In January, however, the family offered to sell a portion of the farm. Milligan took advantage of the opportunity and bought the property for \$775,850, which comes to almost \$22,000 per acre. Milligan borrowed the funds to pay for the land, and according to Jeanes, the trustees are "committed to helping raise the money."

"The family was willing to sell the property as a bargain price because they wished to help Milligan," Jeanes said.

Since the land was an investment for the future, and there are no immediate plans for its use, the college is allowing a local farmer to use the property.

'And it was fun': Shields retires after 44-year teaching career

Paige E. Wassel

Senior Writer

As I sat in her office, looking at the bookshelves of Humanities novels, stack of papers on the desk, and puzzle-pieced Europe hangings on the wall, I wondered about what I would learn that day.

I have been one of the many students to benefit from her writing instruction, but as I sat down with Mrs. Shields that afternoon to talk about her life and teaching career, I somehow knew that my lesson here would be of a very different nature.

"I have always for as long as I could remember wanted to be a teacher," she said to me.

As she retires this spring, it's helpful to retrace the influences and experiences that have contributed to a 44-year teaching legacy.

Early Years

Rosemarie Jean (German for "little") was born on Feb. 16, 1937 on 6 North Canal St. in Natrona, a suburb north of Pittsburgh. Natrona was an industrial town with coal mines on one side of the railroad tracks and the steel mill on the other. It was also a town of a largely immigrant population, where education was valued and teachers were respected.

"And the teachers deserved our respect," Rosemarie said. "They were models. They spoke nicely, they were kind, and they were just moral, I thought."

One model was her second-grade teacher Miss Ottoman, who taught her handwriting and had her copy poems. Rosemarie says she doesn't remember seeing anyone with problems in her class because Miss Ottoman treated all her students as special individuals.

"She just gave every child the idea that he or she was really valuable," Rosemarie said.

College Years

Her college years would help to shape



Rosemarie Shields, senior at Milligan College, stands in front of the Humanities building on the Humanities tour. Mrs. Shields went on the 2002 tour.

the kind of teacher she wanted to be.

After finishing her education at Pond St. Elementary, Wood St. Jr. High and a joint high school, Mrs. Shields received several scholarships to attend Chatham College: a private liberal arts four-year college for women. She recalls poet Robert Frost came to speak to the school her freshman year.

In the fall of 1956, she transferred to Milligan College and became part of the first class to live in Sutton Hall.

Rosemarie remembers the campus being quite different than it is today with most of the classes being taught in Derthick Hall, which the students called the Ad Building or the Administration building. Almost all of her classes were held here, as well as library and chapel, with science labs in the basement and choir meeting on the third floor. But it was also here that she would meet another

influence on her career choice: Mr. Byron Lambert, an English professor.

"I have always for as long as I could remember wanted to be a teacher," Rosemarie said. "I just wasn't sure what I wanted to teach."

Professor Lambert helped Rosemarie decide to become an English teacher, a decision that future Milligan students would benefit from.

Her years at Milligan brought great changes to her personal life as well. She met back up with a high school friend named Bruce Shields at Milligan, and between her sophomore and junior year, they were married. They lived in a pink trailer in the Hyder trailer court where the Hyder House yard is now and they had their first child, daughter Karen, while they were at Milligan.

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Sports

Top 10
greatest
sports
moments of
2003-2004

Ray Smith

Athletics Director

Athletics Director Ray Smith compiled his list of the 10 best sports moments of the 2003-2004 school year:

1. Coach Chris Layne's men's and women's cross country programs win both conference and regional championships and compete in the national championships

-Coach Layne named region Coach of the Year

-Sophomore Megan Lease receives All-American honor.

2. Women's soccer claims AAC tournament championship under first year coach Dave Dixon

-Team finishes as regional runner-up

-Bianca Spoto named NAIA Player of the Week Sept. 30, 2003

-Kim Morris and Bianca Spoto named honorable mention All-Americans.

3. Men's golf wins conference championship

4. Lady Buffs softball sweeps UVA Wise at home to take over first place in AAC with a week to go in season

5. Baseball's Brad Hitch drills three homeruns, one being a grand slam, while he and teammate Kory Kinnear each drive in seven runs in a 21-5 annihilation of Alice Lloyd College

-Also tied all-time hits in one-game record of 27

6. Cross country places four individuals on the men's distance medley relay team at the NAIA National Championships

-Chris Wright named All-American

7. First night game in Milligan College baseball's history results in a 17-4 thrashing of Southern Wesleyan University

-Buffaloes belt five homers.

8. Ali Mohammed of men's soccer named AAC Player of the Year

-Men's Soccer wins the Ohio Dominican University Invitational Tournament

9. Volleyball's Myra O'Dell named Academic All-American

10. Softball wins ETSU Fall Tournament after defeating ETSU

Softball splits double header with TWC

Lady Buffs look toward AAC and NAIA regional tournaments



Senior Shelby Banion runs the bases at a recent home game. The Lady Buffs softball team split games in a double header against Tennessee Wesleyan last week. The team traveled to UVA Wise yesterday. The Lady Buffs are tied for first place in the Appalachian Athletic Conference and have received an automatic bid to the NAIA Regional Tournament.

-Photo courtesy of Shelby Banion

Erin Blasinski

Editor-in-Chief

On April 23, the Lady Buffs split a double header game with Tennessee Wesleyan. The conference game did not show the best play that head coach Wes Holly said that his team is capable of.

"We did not play up to our capability, losing the first game 2-1," Holly said. "We

only got two hits in the (first) game." Holly said that the team did respond better in the second game by getting seven hits and won the game 3-1.

In the first game, the only run was scored by freshman Megan Aldridge who crossed the plate off a fielder's choice from sophomore Rebecca Gilley's hit.

Junior Brooke Davis and senior Shelby Banion posted Milligan's only two

hits of the game. Junior pitcher Brandy Waddle pitched six innings, struck out five batters, and allowed only two runs on three hits. Tennessee Wesleyan scored its two runs off a two-run homerun.

In the second game, Milligan came out strong in the third inning with RBIs singles from freshman Leah Fruts and Banion that scored freshmen Amanda Verner and Sarah Smith. Banion scored the third run of the game in the sixth inning off a hit by Waddle.

Junior Traci Harrison received the win for the Lady Buffs as she pitched three and one-third innings. She allowed only one run and had two strikeouts. Waddle finished the game and allowed only two hits.

The Lady Buffs are currently 37-12 overall and 22-4 in the conference. They are tied for first place in the Appalachian Athletic Conference and played a conference game Thursday at UVA Wise.

Thursday's game will decide the number one seed for the tournament.

"Obviously there is some pressure when you are playing for the number one, but it is nothing that these young players can not achieve," said Holly. "I expect the team to play better and especially in the hitting department," said Holly. Holly said that the pitching is great but that the team needs to produce more runs.

Depending on the outcome of the UVA game yesterday, Milligan will be either the first or second seeded team in the AAC tournament.

The Lady Buffs earned an automatic berth to the NAIA Regional Tournament in Athens, Tenn. May 11-14.

Golf wins first AAC tournament

Mandi Mooney

Assistant Editor/Web Administrator

The men's golf team recently made its presence known with a win at the Appalachian Athletic Conference Golf Championship at the Crooked Creek Country Club in London, Ky. for the first time in Milligan history.

"I think (winning for the first time) is great and hopefully will gain some recognition for the usually unheard of sport," said sophomore Nate Tinchler.

The tournament, which lasted for two days, included nine teams. At the end of two rounds of 18 holes each, the Buffs were behind rival Tennessee Wesleyan by only one stroke. However, Milligan came

back from behind and outshot Tennessee Wesleyan to finish in first place by four shots.

Milligan's accomplishments during the tournament did not simply end with the capture of the championship.

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- Nate Tinchler

Freshmen Matt Ongie and Matt Barefoot along with sophomore Aaron Jesse were

awarded positions on the All-AAC team. Also, head coach Tony Wallingford was rewarded for his hard work with his team this year by being named the AAC Coach of the Year.

The tournament brought an end to a great spring season for the Buffs. They finished in first place in five out of their six matches this season.

As for next season, Tinchler said, "Nothing will really change seeing that we only lose two seniors and return our top two golfers and four of the five that went to the regional tourney. We are real confident that we can win another championship with three all-conference performers coming back."

Senior runs Boston Marathon, finishes 371st

J. Ann Tipton

Copy Editor

On April 19, senior Shane Oakleaf ran in the 108th annual Boston Marathon. Oakleaf ran a 6 minute 55 second mile and finished 371st out of almost 18,000 runners with a total time of 3:01:01. Oakleaf qualified for this race on Feb. 1 in Columbus, Ohio.

This, Oakleaf's second marathon, stood in stark contrast with the Feb. 1 marathon where the temperature in Columbus barely reached zero degrees Fahrenheit. The temperature in Boston hovered in the mid-80s on the Monday of the race.

"When it gets that warm, I don't usu-

ally run very well," Oakleaf said. "I wanted to start off slow, and I was really cautious at the beginning. I poured water and Gatorade on myself that they were passing out along the course. Three hours is a long time to be running in heat like that."

Oakleaf said there were several other differences between the marathons as well.

"(The marathon in February) was 26 laps, this one was a one-way course, so it was something new and mostly flat," Oakleaf said. "There were people along the entire course that would cheer me on, and that was great."

Mile 20 of the marathon course included a stretch of road that runners

affectionately refer to as "heartbreak hill." Oakleaf said that the difficulty that runners have with this gradual incline is that it comes so late in the race when most runners hit the wall.

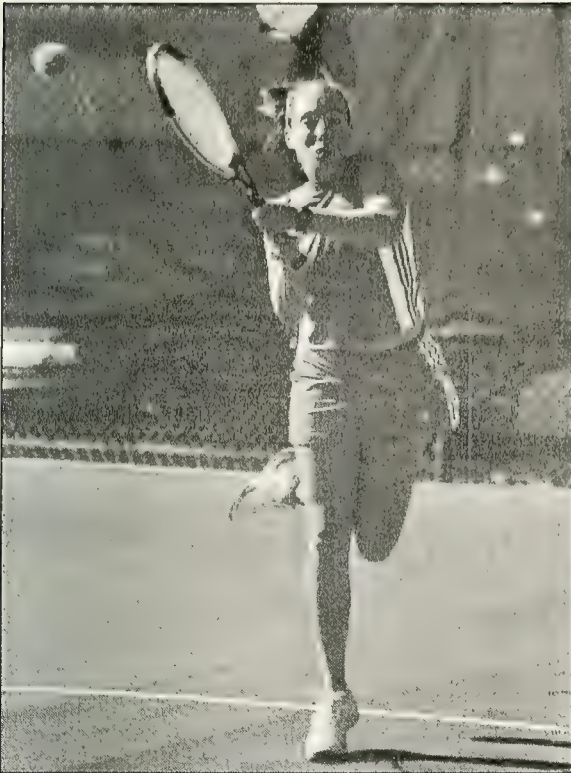
"If you get any kind of incline, it feels like a mountain," Oakleaf said, "but compared to the hills around here, it was nothing."

Oakleaf's time was good enough for him to qualify for next year's Boston Marathon. He said that he has made no definite plans to return next year.

"It's a long ways away. (I probably won't run in the marathon), but it could change," Oakleaf said. "It depends on how much time I have to do the training."

Sports

Women's tennis finishes fourth in AAC tournament



Junior Cheri Lomison strikes the ball with precision and strength against her opponent. The Lady Buffs tennis team finished its season fourth in the AAC tournament last week, 7-2 in the AAC and 7-4 overall.

-photo courtesy of Amber Campbell

BJ Appel

Guest Reporter

The Lady Buffs tennis team placed third in the Appalachian Athletic Conference Tournament on April 23 and 24 as they closed out a their season 7-2 Appalachian Athletic Conference and 7-4 overall.

The Lady Buffs scored 10 points in the tournament, trailing only behind Virginia Intermont College (22) and Virginia Wise (19).

The Lomison sisters, junior Cheri and sophomore Cassie, played two impressive games during the tournament. Cassie put on a show in the no. 1 singles final with her opponent, Kago Phatshwane, a senior from VI who went undefeated during her four years on the team. Three and a half hours of extraordinary shots and shot placement, commanding serves, and long volleys, and two set tie breakers later, Phatshwane pulled out the victory 6-7 (3-8) and 6-7 (5-8).

Undoubtedly, Cassie was the underdog going into the match. As she faced Phatshwane, who has been such a dominant singles player the past couple years, Cassie had the support of not only her family, friends, and fellow teammates, but also of those from the other schools in the conference.

"Whenever (the other AAC tennis players and coaches) would walk by they would cheer 'let's go Milligan' or 'come on Cassie, you can do it!'" Cassie said.

"It was the first time I have ever seen such encouragement from rival schools," said Coach Marvin Glover, "It was quite flattering to see them favor Cassie."

Meanwhile, four courts down from her

younger sister, Cheri was in her final match in the no. 5 position. Losing the first set 3-6, Cheri came out swinging and took over the next two sets, winning 6-3 and 6-1.

"Cheri was way more out fit than her opponent, I knew that if the match went to three sets Cheri would be victorious," Glover said.

After their long, grueling singles matches, the Lomison sisters went on to play in the no. 1 doubles semi-finals where they were defeated 2-6, 4-6 by VPI's duo of Esther Mbugua and Phatshwane.

"Cassie told me her legs felt like lead, but I felt pretty good until halfway through our doubles match when my legs started to get really tired," Cheri said.

Milligan's no. 2 double pair of senior Vincent and freshman Krista Denton, who got a first round bye due to their undefeated record in the regular season, were upset Virginia Wise 6-7 (4-8).

The Lady Buffs put up a fight against the perennial force of VIC and VW in the second round of the singles matches. However, senior Lyndsey Bowie and Sara Wallingford, junior Jessica Conn, and freshman Amber Campbell all lost in nail biters.

Finishing third unfortunately ended the women's season as only the top two schools move on to the regional tournament next weekend.

Cassie Lomison finished the season with a handful of awards. She was named to the All-Conference team, alongside Campbell; named to Academic All-Conference with her sister Cheri; and was one of the six on the Sportswoman team.

Coach Glover and the team have all expressed high hopes in the future for the team.

Men's tennis ends season in AAC tournament

BJ Appel

Guest Reporter

The men's tennis team finished fourth in the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament this past weekend at Liberty Bell, finishing their season at 5-8.

"We finished where we should have," coach Rich Aubrey said, "we will continue to improve and will be back next season."

The Buffs finished with a total of 6 points in the tournament, behind Virginia Intermont, Tennessee Wesleyan and King with 26, 12 and 9 points, respectively.

"This season was the best we have had in recent years," said junior Pat Mitchell. "We won the matches we were

supposed to and we competed better against King, VI, and Tennessee Wesleyan."

Each of the singles players seemed to get caught in a rut in the second round, unable to advance into the semifinals. No. 1 singles player freshman Tom Jones manhandled his first round opponent 6-2, 6-0, but stumbled in the next round losing 0-6, 0-6. His teammates, no. 2 freshman Ryan Reynolds, no. 3 Mitchell, no. 4 senior Adam Campbell, no. 5 junior Adam Diewert and no. 6 freshman Jon Toler, all had the same difficulties in the second round after coming off effortless matches in the first.

The no. 1 doubles tandem of Jones and Reynolds were the only Milligan pair

to make their way out of the first round, but they were defeated by Tennessee Wesleyan 4-6, 4-6; no. 2 doubles team of Campbell and Mitchell lost to Virginia Intermont 2-6, 1-6; and the no. 3 pair of Diewert and Dyer were beaten 0-6, 1-6.

"With some off season recruiting, hard work, we will only get better," Aubrey said, "I'm proud of the guys, they easily defeated schools that were a challenge to us last year and gave the talented schools a run for their money."

To put an exclamation point on the season, Jones was named to the All-Conference team and Mitchell was appointed to the Academic All-Conference along with the All-Sportsman teams.

Spring sports wrap up: coaches reflect on seasons

Assistant editor Mandi Mooney interviewed the spring coaches about their thoughts on their seasons, as well as a preview of the coming tournaments. (Women's tennis coach Marvin Glover and golf coach Tony Wallingford were unavailable for comment.)

Q: How do you feel your team performed this season?

Clark (baseball): By winning 32 games with 20 freshmen, I thought we achieved more than a lot of people thought we would.

Holly (softball): Overall the team has done very well as we are tied at the top in the AAC with a 22-4 record and 37-12 overall record. Having started five freshmen, I think we have had a great season.

Layne (track): At this point in the season we have five athletes qualified for nationals, but it's still early.

Q: Did the team meet your goals for this season?

Holly: Our goal, of course, is to win the AAC and advance to the regional tournament. As it stands now, we will

accomplish both those goals and we will have to just wait and see how far we do advance in post-season.

Aubrey (men's tennis): Actually, we were hoping we might be able to advance to the regional tournament.

Q: Did any players have an exceptional season or exhibited great improvement?

Clark: Dustin Price has had a great season; he has led us in our offense.

Holly: Brandy Waddle and Traci Harrison have had a great season in the pitching department. Brandy stands at 16-6 and Traci is 13-3. Shelby Banion has also done a great job catching both the pitchers. I have to also give Megan Aldridge credit, as a freshman she has done a tremendous job of hitting as she leads our team in RBIs.

Layne: We've seen steady improvement from the entire team to date, but Josh Ferry stands out with his 1:52 800-meter run at Brevard. This was not only the fifth fastest time in the nation but also qualified him for the USA Junior National Championships in

Buffalo, Ny, this summer.

Aubrey: Tom Jones made the All-Conference team. Patrick Mitchell made the AAC All-Academic Team and the All-Sportsmanship Team. Adam Campbell led the team with 10 singles wins.

Q: What seniors are on the team and how have they contributed this season?

Clark: Brad Hitch, Richard Markland, Brian Miller, Chris Shockley, Chad Davis and Todd Speas. Todd, Chris, and Chad are all starters in the pitching staff, Richard has been a middle relief pitcher. Brad Hitch has started at shortstop for three years, and Brian Miller has started at first base.

Holly: Shelby Banion and Ellen Stoots. Both have been very valuable to our team as they have played different positions, do whatever has been asked of them, and given of their leadership skills to our younger players.

Aubrey: Adam Campbell had an outstanding senior season; singles record of 10-5.

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News

From the Wire

Man indicted on 9/11 and Madrid charges: A Moroccan fugitive sought in connection with the March 11 train bombings in Madrid was indicted Wednesday on charges of helping plan the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States. He is the first suspect linked to both attacks. Amer Azizi, 36, helped organize a meeting in northeast Spain in July 2001 that key plotters in the U.S. attacks, including suicide pilot Mohamed Atta, used to finalize details. Judge Baltasar Garzon said in the indictment. Azizi also was included in an indictment that was handed down last September against al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and 34 other terror suspects. Azizi was charged then with belonging to a terrorist organization. Bin Laden and nine others were charged with planning the Sept. 11 attacks. Azizi had a "direct connection with al-Qaida leaders in Afghanistan who were responsible for the attacks," Garzon charged. Wednesday's indictment described Azizi as the right-hand man of Imad Yarkas, jailed in November 2001 on charges of leading a Spain-based al-Qaida cell that allegedly provided financing and logistics for people who planned the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

New technology brings digital interaction to the classroom: Students who raise their hands to answer a question may soon be a thing of the past thanks to new technology of a small wireless keypad linked to a computer. Students answer questions not by raising hands but by punching buttons. Results appear on a screen in the front of the room. Although some skeptics dismiss the devices as novelties more suited to a TV game show than a lecture hall, educators who use them say their classrooms come alive as never before. Shy students have no choice but to participate, the instructors say, and the know-it-all lose their monopoly on the classroom dialogue. Melissa Wilde, a sociology professor at Indiana University, says they help her students feel a connection to the subject. The devices look and work much like a television remote, sending infrared signals to a receiver at the front of the classroom. The receiver is connected to a computer, which tabulates and analyzes the responses. The data can be displayed by an overhead projector, incorporated into a spreadsheet or posted on a class Web site. Responses are anonymous for students, but not for teachers, who can identify students by the serial numbers of their clickers.

Estée Lauder dies at 97: Estée Lauder, the last great independent titan of the cosmetics industry, who convinced generations of women that her beauty creams were "jars of hope" in their quest for eternal youth, died on Saturday at her home in New York. Lauder used to say that "the pursuit of beauty is honorable," and she clearly believed that the business of beauty was just as honorable. Her efforts resulted in the establishment of a company estimated to be worth about \$5 billion when it went public in 1995 and she was given the title of founding chairwoman. In 2003, it had 21,500 employees and an estimated worth of about \$10 billion. Its products are sold in more than 130 countries across five continents.

News compiled by J. Ann Tipton with information from the New York Times

46 students enrolled in fall house courses

J. Ann Tipton
Copy Editor

A total of 46 students have pre-registered for the fall semester's six house course offerings. Six additional students will be involved as instructors who facilitate the classes and will receive the same one-hour credit for teaching as their classes will for taking the course.

The two largest sections with 12 students each are *Body Image & the Media*, taught by senior Jessica Jennings, and *Christ in Relationships*, taught by junior

Aaron Gilley.

According to Academic Dean Mark Matson, because the number of students enrolled in two of the house courses is "marginal," the classes titled *Who is Satan?* and *American Jesus* may not happen.

Matson said that since this is the first time house courses are being offered, he didn't have any specific expectations for how many students would take the classes.

"For a first time try, I am pleased that students are responding," Matson

said. "Generally the response has been quite good."

Matson also said that he plans on keeping house courses an every semester offering on the fall schedule.

"I think students will enjoy taking these elective courses, and I hope to add a new dimension to our general course offerings," Matson said. "I am not sure ultimately how many courses should be offered each semester. We went with six this time, perhaps the proper number is four."

Student Satisfaction gauged on campus

Missie Mills

Assistant Editor

The 2003 Student Satisfaction Inventory was discussed April 22 at the board of trustees and advisors academic committee meeting. Two areas consistently rose to the top: academic quality and advising and student-staff interaction.

"This shows how strong students think our faculty and curriculum are," said Academic Dean Mark Matson.

Student affairs, administrative processes and campus and facilities appear lowest in the list.

Items in the survey are listed in order of satisfaction. Out of the 25 highest ranked items, academic quality and advising and student-faculty interaction

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Students found the first two items to be over 42 points higher than the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities, which helped Matson gauge student satisfaction.

Items ranked lowest in the survey include statements like "The amount of student parking space on campus is acceptable," "There is an adequate selection of food in the cafeteria," and "Student disciplinary procedures are fair."

The survey is ranked on a scale from one to seven and shows statistics including Milligan College importance, satisfaction and performance gap, CCCU importance, satisfaction and performance gap, and the 2003 mean between the statistics.

According to Matson, the SSI is given every two years.

Funding from Lilly Grant brings diversity to chapel services

More changes being discussed for services next year

Mandi Mooney

Assistant Editor/Web Administrator

Milligan's chapel services have undergone several changes this semester in the diversity of chapel speakers.

The spiritual life committee has attempted to bring more diversity to the services and make the service more applicable to the students. Plans are also currently in the works for even more changes for the fall semester.

"I think more this semester we were trying to focus on the diversity of speakers and on having men and women, having people from different religious traditions, and also people from different racial backgrounds," said campus minister Nathan Flora.

The most noticeable change has been the increased amount of women speakers who addressed the student body this semester. During last fall semester, the only female speaker was Assistant Professor of English and Humanities Rosemarie Shields. Exact numbers of how many female speakers Milligan has had over the past few semesters were not available when The Stampede went to press. However, Flora stated that he was certain that in past semesters, the most they have had was two or three. This current semester's schedule saw an increase as five female speakers were featured.

"I would say we had the highest number of women speakers per semester than we've had in a while but I wouldn't say that's unusual," said Flora. "I think we had maybe five this semester out of 13, 14 weeks. So you can see it's not a lopsided

figure by any means."

According to Flora, female ministers are becoming a growing trend throughout churches of today.

Therefore, because of extra financial support from the Lilly Endowment that Milligan received last fall, the campus ministry program was able to have the opportunity to engage more female speakers. They were also able to expose students to speakers from different backgrounds and topics as this semester's theme has been "finding God in unexpected places."

"I think that it should be natural for women to be included," said junior Bible ministry major Melissa McGovern who is also teaching a house course next fall about women in the church. "I think it's a really good idea and I hope they continue including women."

The campus ministry program and the chapel committee have also been discussing ways to continually improve chapel services.

"As a member of the Milligan community for 22 years, I am saddened when students don't appreciate the opportunities that chapel provides. It can be a wonderful time of Christian unity and worship," said chapel committee member Charlene Kiser. "The chapel committee is discussing ways to convince students that chapel is really a privilege, not a chore."

One of the changes being discussed is to no longer allow students to bring backpacks or materials into the chapel because they disturb the students and hinder their attempts to participate in the service. However, the logistics behind this policy have not been completely decided on as of yet.

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Features

Shields retires after a 44-year teaching career



Perhaps the search for the legacy of any teacher ends in finding what Mrs. Shields says she will miss most about her job: the students. Rosemarie Shields dances with former student Marc Marshal during the 2002 Humanities tour.

-photo courtesy Sara Wallingford

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The Beginning of a Career

After completing her student teaching at Happy Valley High School, Mrs. Shields graduated from Milligan with her husband in the spring of 1959. They returned to Pennsylvania where her husband was the minister of a church in Cogan House.

Although she had originally certified in secondary education, there were no openings for this kind of teaching position so she commuted to Mansfield State College to earn her elementary certification.

Her work at Mansfield helped to earn her a Pennsylvania Permanent Teaching Certificate, which she doesn't think is given out any more but she keeps it in her file and "thinks it's kind of exciting."

The following year, Mrs. Shields

received her first teaching position, teaching the third and fourth grade at a two-room country school called White Pine School. In her best teaching voice, she recalls it as being the year that President Kennedy was inaugurated.

"And Robert Frost spoke at Kennedy's inauguration, so I've always had an ongoing affair with Robert Frost," Mrs. Shields said.

Teaching everything from P.E. to music, math, science, reading and writing, Mrs. Shields said it was definitely a learning experience but it was "fun."

"What I lacked in knowledge, I think I made up for in enthusiasm," Shields said. "And that's what the kids will tell me today, 'You were so young, and you were so enthusiastic about everything, and we were all in love with you,' which I thought was really nice."

She left the school after the first year to have her second child James, but she kept busy helping with homebound instruction for a girl named Mary Campbell who had a major operation and was in a body cast. Mrs. Shields thinks that she jumped five levels in their time together, in the year 1961.

"And that was the year we put a man into space," she recalls.

The Road back to Milligan

Mrs. Shields would then have a varied teaching career on her road back to Milligan, living in multiple locations and teaching English along with other subjects.

In these years, she would teach in New Jersey (and have her third child, Robert), Allentown, Penn., and Illinois. She also spent some time working as a teacher for the U.S. Army in Germany when her husband became the pastor of a German congregation.

In Illinois, she worked towards her masters' degree at Illinois State College in Normal, Ill., and was a graduate teaching assistant in the humanities program there.

"The really wonderful part is, I really never had any trouble finding work," Shields said.

Finally, in 1983, the Shields family would return to east Tennessee and Mrs. Shields taught at both Milligan and East Tennessee State University part-time.

She also received her certification to teach German and Latin, and worked at Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone High School teaching these languages.

Mrs. Shields then started to work as a part-time Humanities and Public Relations director at Milligan, where she had a student named Lee Fierbaugh as a student intern.

She joined the staff as a full-time professor in 1994, replacing Associate Professor of English Carolyn Nipper who was retiring and recommended Mrs. Shields for her position.

Her Legacy

Perhaps the search for the legacy of any teacher ends in finding what Mrs. Shields says she will miss most about her job: the students.

Though it's hard to capture on paper the enthusiasm her third and fourth graders remembered her for, many students echoed their sentiments.

"Describing her to someone new would be hard. She's a firecracker. She's small, but she sure packs a punch," Milligan senior Carrie Baker said. "She is a wonderful teacher—kind and patient, but

she's also fair—she'll make your paper bleed. She has such a fine sense of humor that even if your paper bled, you don't feel too bad about it."

In interviewing former students and colleagues, I discovered that one lesson Mrs. Shields has modeled is keeping positive, even when it may be difficult.

"No matter how negative the circumstances, she always finds something positive in it," Milligan senior Laura Jones said.

As a student intern learning how to write press releases from Mrs. Shields, Milligan Public Relations Director Lee Fierbaugh said her mentor not only taught her much about grammar, but also modeled an excitement for every press release she wrote, and presented a positive witness of her Christian faith.

"... the witness that she presents to others, is always so positive," Fierbaugh said. "The thing with her is that it's not a blind faith or a false sense of positive attitude because she certainly could get frustrated, and she certainly would voice that or work around it, but she just always found ways to keep plugging away."

In her time at Milligan, Mrs. Shields said she would like to be remembered for influence on the college's writing program, and her contributions to the theater and public relations areas of the college.

She recommended Richard Major and Lee Fierbaugh for the positions they now hold at the college, made a case for the employment of a full-time public relations director, and helped introduce a grading rubric into the writing program.

Future Plans

Not surprisingly, ask her about her plans for retirement, and Mrs. Shields will answer, "More teaching."

She will continue to teach two writing sections at Milligan next fall, and also wants to travel and work on some of her own writing.

"I don't think I could stop completely," Shields said. "This is kind of like easing off."

Ask her about her teaching career, and once again you'll find that her students are a ruler for measuring success.

"I am hard, I think," Shields said. "I'm not always sure that was the best thing to do, but I guess I have really high standards and when students do learn and meet those high standards, I'm happy about that."

-Mrs. Shields was honored by the Milligan Community with a standing ovation during last week's awards convocation.

Resident chaplain program to continue next year

Courtney Ruth
Student Life Editor

Resident chaplains who were instituted for the 2003-2004 school year to help promote spiritual life in the dorms found the program was not quite what was anyone expected, according to Bre Shelton, RC on second floor of Sutton.

"It has been a real learning experience about what things work and what things don't," said Isaac Shade, first floor RC in Webb Hall.

Shelton called the year a "rough draft" for future years.

Shade said the jobs of the resident

chaplains varied depending on the nature of the people on the floor.

His section did not have many formal get-togethers, but Shade found himself in "more of a pastoral role" by being available to talk and being able to keep confidentiality with the issues brought to him. Confidentiality is one of the way the resident chaplains differ from the resident assistants, who are required to report information.

Shelton said she had less free time

than expected to coordinate activities and did not realize how much time it takes to build relationships.

"When it comes to ministry I don't think there can be a negative side."

-Brea Shelton

"When it comes to ministry I don't think there can be a negative side," Shelton said.

Both Shade and Shelton said one of

The frustration that some of the resident chaplains experienced will help develop the program in the future, Shelton said.

the changes made to next year program will allot a specific amount of money to each RC to spend on their group of students.

This will encourage the planning of activities by resident chaplains because they will have funds to work with.

The program is headed by campus minister Nathan Flora. There are 19 students who serve as resident chaplains, two on each floor of Hart, Sutton and Webb, and one in each of the upperclassmen dorms, Williams, Kegley and Quillen.

The group meets once a month during an open convocation time, and they are currently brainstorming for next year.

Editorials

Confessions of a senior: Road rage

J. Ann Tipton
Copy Editor



On May 9, I'll leave Milligan College and east Tennessee with much more than I came with as a wide-eyed freshman four years ago. On my life résumé, I can chalk up a best friendship and many close relationships, new passions and skills, wonderful memories and life-changing experiences--not to mention the small detail of an education. On the other hand, there's a particular trait that east Tennessee has fostered in me that I'm not so proud of. In fact, I try desperately to hide it from other people: Drivers in this area have made me, nay, forced me into a life of road rage.

You know what I'm talking about, especially if you aren't native to east Tennessee. At first, I thought the fact that drivers pulled out in front of me or that few motorists used their turn signals was my inexperience on the road. Heck, maybe my Ohio license plates and freshman parking sticker gave local drivers the right to not merge or to routinely stop at yield signs. As I became brave enough to take the risk of getting lost and grew accustomed to Johnson City and Elizabethton, I soon realized that the

epidemic of bad driving was everywhere.

Before I knew it, I was muttering through my windshield and pounding my steering wheel every time I ventured out onto Milligan Highway and had to stomp on my breaks when some man/woman in his/her pickup/sedan/station wagon/SUV pulled out 20 feet in front of me.

And then there was the biggest annoyance: courtesy turn signals. A courtesy turn signal happens when a car at the front of a line of vehicles is making a left-hand turn. The cars behind the turning one "courteously" engage their left-hand turn signals so as to alert the motorists at the end of the line why traffic has slowed or stopped. Never seen it happen? It does. I admit, the idea behind this strange practice seems pleasant enough, but really all I'm asking for is that drivers use their own turn signals when they want to turn. Novel idea, eh?

I'm sounding angrier than I mean to be. The road rage is seeping into my writing, I swear.

Every time I go home, I am amazed at the skilled drivers I encounter on the road. I see, in mouth-gaped awe, turn signals and proper merging techniques that are routinely used; and I say a silent prayer of

thankfulness. Am I biased and stubborn? Probably.

I've tried to not let my road rage compromise my Christianity, and for the most part, I've succeeded. I haven't taken a golf club to any of my fellow road travelers--la-Jack Nicholson, and I haven't developed the habit of yelling at or gesturing toward motorists who tick me off. I have, instead, tried to funnel this wrathful energy into something positive. When another car cuts me off, doesn't use a turn signal, stops unnecessarily at a yield sign, or gives a courtesy turn signal, my road rage flares for a moment, but then I make an honest attempt to pray for the person who just infringed on my motorist rights. It's not a magnificent or majestic prayer, often just a simple "God, please help that person have a pleasant day."

Has my quest to stamp out my road rage worked? Sometimes. If one good thing can come out this bad habit that I like to blame on east Tennessee, it's that I'm slowly learning to proactively combat my impatience. And no class at Milligan could've taught me that.

To you, my peers and elders, I owe my most heartfelt thanks for the past four years. It's been a run ride.

Senior reflection: Just call me Grace

Paige E. Wassel
Senior Writer



Just call me Grace.

I'm tempted to say this on every occasion I've been walking on campus only to be suddenly sprawled out on the ground: hands scuffed, legs tangled, and in a general state of disarray.

I'm never exactly sure how it happens. One minute I'm purposefully headed towards the building of my choice and the next I'm looking around to see how many people saw me fall on my face.

Although such experiences make me wish I had a buddy to walk with, I'm starting to think that my propensity for falling might have more to say about life than that I'm just wearing the wrong shoes.

The whole falling process, if I might so term it, is an illustration for the way we can look at failure and success. We can

view just walking from point A to point B as a success, but falling, or failure, can help us to appreciate what it takes to get to that next point. It comes back to that idea that sometimes we have to experience pain before we can learn and grow.

It's rather like the prayer rock I used to be reminded to pray growing up. Although the rock was accompanied by a nifty poem that I don't remember, the idea was that you put it on the floor before you went to sleep, and then, when you stub your toe in the morning, you would remember to pray. Then, you put it on your pillow and when you went to bed, you would hit your head on the rock and remember to pray again.

Failure can serve as this reminder, showing up when we're looking so much ahead that we don't pay attention to where we are. It can be painful, but it can also keep us in check by forcing us to look

more carefully at the task at hand, and figure out, step by step, how to move on.

As the great silent film philosopher Mary Pickford put it, "You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing that we call 'failure' is not the falling down, but the staying down."

In other words, we can't let our mistakes keep us from moving forward. We can't let our desire to stay with what is familiar prevent us from seizing opportunities for growth. Personally, I find this to be the most challenging idea as I am preparing to get out into the "real world."

So while I fully expect to fall down again, (and yes, it's okay if you drive by and pretend not to know me again) I'm hoping that the next time I stumble I can use the opportunity to remember this little life application before I move on.

Oh yeah, and San Dimas High School football rules!

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4:00-6:00	HUMN 202S (all sections)	Hyder
Tuesday:		
8:00-10:00	BIBL 471 Christ & Culture	Derthick 207,208, 209,210 Hyder; Wilson
10:30-12:30	BIBL 124 New Testament	Classroom
1:30-3:30	12:20 p.m. MWF	Classroom
4:00-6:00	11:15 p.m. MWF	Classroom
	3:35 p.m. MWF	Classroom
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10:30-12:30	12:40 p.m. TR	Classroom
1:30-3:30	2:30 p.m. MWF	Classroom

Letters to the Editor

Mary Stephens

Guest Writer

It is clear that that the college has done much to lead students into serving others. Beth Anderson, director of the Institute for Servant Leadership already has a reputation for encouraging new ideas and delegating funds to meaningful experiences. I have recently returned from one such experience: The Festival for Faith and Writing. The array of convocation and chapel speakers is possibly better than any other period of Milligan's history. I will remember Dan Cathy, president and chief operating officer of Chick-fil-A standing before us holding a cell phone in his left hand, to symbolize the importance of staying connected to a changing world and the needs of others, how he lifted his pocket Bible with his right and said, "There are fundamental truths about life that have not changed and they never will change."

Two classes in particular have caused me to look at the world through the lens of social reform. On the first day of *Christ, Hitler, Women*, Dr. Thomas said "Christian faith is a call to social justice." Since then we have studied the servants of the Confessing Church, struggling to realize their social role in World War II Germany. In *Victorian Period Literature* Dr. Cook teaches "the highest form of goodness is making sacrifices for the next generation." We read testimonies of workers suffering under inhumane working conditions in the Industrial era, poets debating over the ethical implications of advancements in science, novelists who write page after page after page... all acting on their convictions to the benefit of their communities.

My purpose in highlighting Milligan's efforts—besides wanting to get a couple points added to my final grade in the mentioned classes—is to show that Milligan students are being educated to serve and promote social justice. Why then is there a cynicism then about servant-leadership?

Cathy Clasen, a Presbyterian minister who spoke in Chapel last month, said that we should "be soiled by the logic of love" that we become unaware of ourselves. When we overuse the term "servant leader" it is hard to follow her advice. Also, some say that this term implies trying to get a good position in society. One way we can avoid this is by working hard to select speakers who come from various levels of society.

Sophomore Andrew Gibbons, a Humanities' major has quipped that perhaps Milligan's slogan should be "sustaining lives shaped by culture." I've heard this statement echoed by another students. They worry Milligan students have a tendency toward "consumer Christianity." Ironically both agree that Milligan

professors encourage social awareness.

In his *The Imitation of Christ*, Thomas à Kempis says, "If only their lives had kept pace with their learning, then their study and reading would have been worth while." Perhaps we are being adequately educated, but as a whole our lives are failing to extend beyond campus. I could be wrong. It would make sense that most of Milligan students strongly participate in the community: churches, volunteer groups, service-oriented classes, fieldwork required for their majors. But even so, it's time we more seriously examined the implications of being a school that calls itself "The Bubble." Perhaps we'd find there isn't one.

But if there is, and we are not adequately serving the community, here a few suggestions to help the term "servant leader" be understood in the way it was probably intended: Serving others so that they might be led to an awareness of Christ

Following the example of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. According to the LINC office, 361 Milligan students and... faculty volunteered a total of 1083 hours.

Of course some questions would have to be answered like, "Would that mean service is 'regulated' by the institution of Milligan? Does getting a convo-punch cheapen the experience?" What about non-traditional students and those who are already heavily involved in the community?" Arguably, imposing more service requirements is no less democratic than requiring convocation attendance, but the latter benefits the surrounding community much more.

Another idea is continuing our work to broaden the student concept of ministry. Service does not have to be limited to the traditional places of service: nursing homes, homeless shelters, etc., though those should be encouraged. Perhaps students who contribute to the arts in chapel services would be interested in playing at local coffee shops and bars. I do not mean that students should haughtily carry their Christianity into Johnson City, or that Milligan should encourage drinking among students. Rather that students experience a broader, less orthodox sphere where they can make an impact their community and learn from the ideas of others. Of course, students should never feel they are required to put themselves in a situation that may jeopardize their spiritual selves. But for some, going into alcohol-serving venues, abortion clinics and nightclubs (to name a few examples) might be a good way to cross the bridge from reactive to proactive Christianity.

Just a few suggestions,
-Mary Stephens



-Photo courtesy of Andrew Hopper

Andrew Hopper

Guest Editorial

Editor and Milligan College Community,

As I reflect upon this past year of service to our school, I want to convey my sincerest gratitude to those members of the body who strive to make this place what it is. Many thanks to those who lead and listen, who follow and support, who continue to pour themselves out for those around them. Kudos to the professors and administrators who demand nothing less than our best, to our peers who help us achieve it, and to the staff who carry out the tasks without which our institution would cease to function. We shall all

forever be written into each other's lives.

For many of you this may be the last issue of the *Stampede* that you receive as a Milligan student. How quickly our days here have passed! I pray that you all can look back on these days with the same joy that I do. These past four years have not always been easy, but the joy of Christ is in this place. The love that we have seen in the lives of our elders, brothers and sisters has shaped us into the men and women that we are today. I urge you to take with you the love learned here in these beautiful mountains traveling to all areas of the globe, answering the call to go and make disciples of all nations. My prayers are with you, class of 2004; I cling to the promise that this is not the last time we will all be together.

To those of you who think the days of tender and affectionate goodbyes are far from you and your friends, I must tell you they are much closer than you know. I beseech you: cherish each other and every moment, for what we have in this place is beyond comparison. Never miss an opportunity to travel to the top of a mountain to watch a meteor shower, to hike the Appalachian Trail, to explore a fascinating cavern, to visit one of the most beautiful water falls you will ever see, to exasperate your RA with his or her stolen furniture, to watch the sunset over Buffalo Mountain or to sled down the hill in front of Seeger on a cafeteria special! This place is teeming with life and love; don't miss a minute of it.

Give what you can to your institution; you won't regret it. My friends, treasure those around you, for it is only a short time that we are here.

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13

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the best of luck on finals!
Have a great summer!

Features

One Act Festival

The 18th annual One Act Festival took place in Sub 7 this week. Over 30 students participated in the seven productions serving as actors, directors and crew members. The festival included two original scripts by junior Josiah Potter and senior Paige Wessel.

Top left: Grant Foster sweeps Sandy Tester off her feet in *The Ugly Duckling*.

Top Right: Aaron Gilley and Jana Richardson talk about "it" without talking about "it" in *Here We Are*.

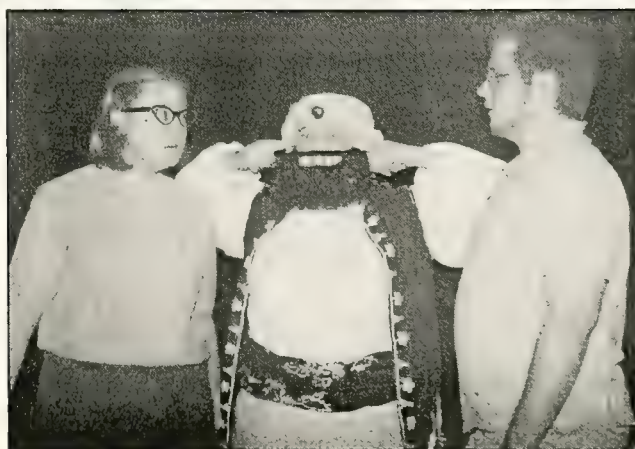
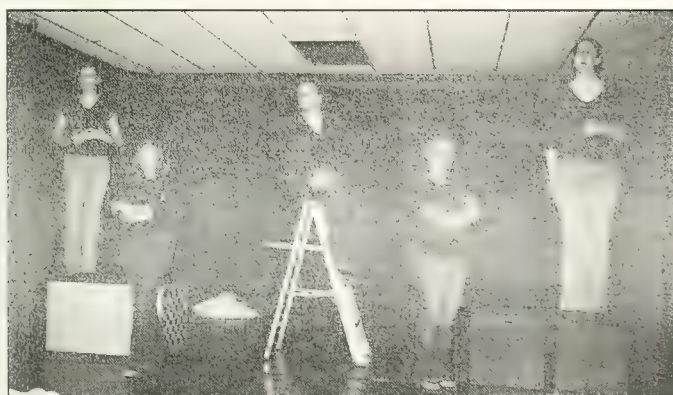
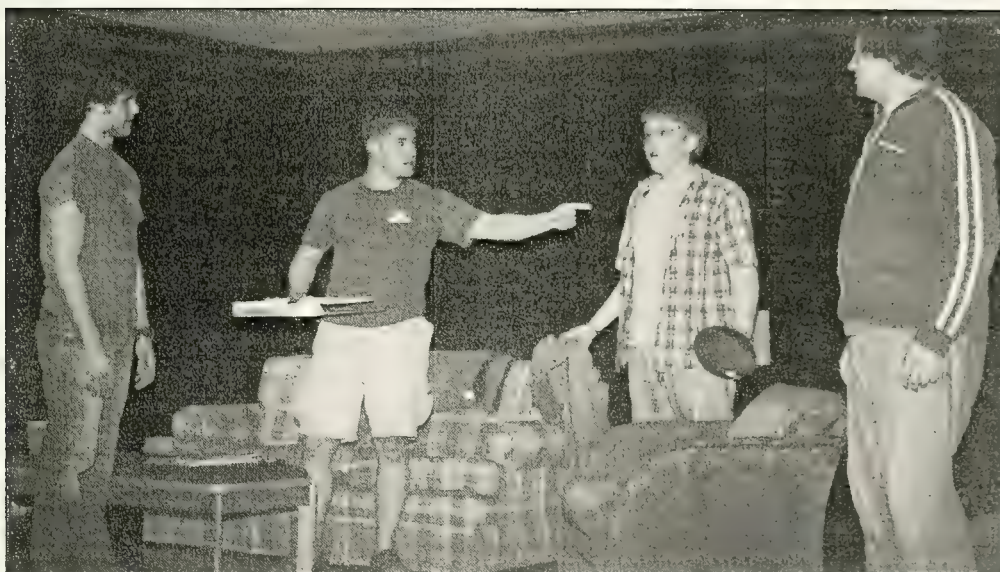
Left: Dave Guyer, Don Wallingford and Ryan Arnold and Alex King parody the lives of several Milligan male's in Josiah Potter's *My Friends*.

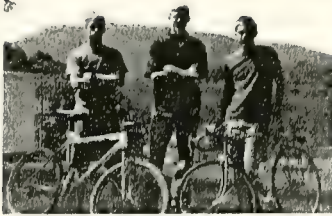
Below Left: Rachael Bloch, Julie Grimm, Stephanie Dalton, Karen Alexander and April Martin present an abstract story in *The Parable of the Lighthouse*.

Below: Robert Kitchens and Caitlin Smith act out a surfer version of a Shakespeare classic *Romeo and Juliet* (abridged).

Bottom Left: Laura Jones and Josh Kaminsky carry on a conversation via an Arabian interpreter, Annie Tipton in *Arabian Nights*.

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Anthony opens photography show

By Erin Blasinski
Editor-in-Chief

Alice Anthony, assistant professor of art and communications, never considered herself a fan of Elvis Presley when she was growing up, but over the last nine years she has become what she calls a "fan of the fans."

Anthony's photography exhibit of Elvis fans entitled "Gone But Not Forgotten" opened at the Carroll Reece Museum on East Tennessee State University's campus on Thursday night. Thirty-one pieces of photography are displayed in one of the three galleries.

"I want people to feel like they are really (at Graceland)," said Anthony.

Her photography is joined by "Thoroughly Modern Medium: Art from the Tennessee State Museum" and "From Pandas to Rhinos: Fossils from the Gray Site." The three exhibits, each in a separate gallery, are being featured at the museum until Oct. 31.

"Alice's work is up for the annual alumni exhibit that we have here during the early fall," said Blair White, director and curator of the Carroll Reece Museum. Anthony graduated from ETSU in 1987 with a master's of fine arts, concentration in photography.

White said Anthony was chosen as the featured alumni for the show because of a natural connection between Anthony's work and a painting of Elvis done by Red Grooms, a Tennessee artist featured in the works from the Tennessee State Museum.

Anthony has been photographing the Elvis fans who visited Graceland, located in Memphis, Tenn., since 1996. Having grown up in Memphis, she was no stranger to the area. During the late 50's, Anthony and her family moved to a subdivision that adjoined the Graceland Mansion grounds, Elvis' former residence.

"I grew up with Elvis being my neighbor," said Anthony. "I guess not everyone can say that."

She said it became an ordinary thing to see him riding his motorcycle or playing touch football with kids at the junior high.

Anthony was not all that impressed and said she was never a big fan but did meet Elvis a few times at the front gate of Graceland and got his autograph.

She moved away from Memphis and after he died in 1977, Anthony said he "took on this myth."

In August of 1996, Anthony and her husband were helping to clean her parents' house when she decided she would just walk down to the gate and "see what it was all about." She knew that August was the time of the year when many fans of Elvis made their trip to Graceland.

"I would usually go in opposite direction because I thought they were loony and obsessed," said Anthony who wishes that she had started her project of photographing fans earlier. She said the first year she was more of an observer, just looking around to see why people came, who they were.

The next year was the twentieth anniversary of Elvis' death and Anthony found that people from all over the world came to visit the mansion.

One fan explained to Anthony that it is just their hobby, that is what they like to do.

"I am a fan of Elvis but not to the degree they are," she said. "They are devoted, I can't explain it...you have the bizarre but also the normal, the people who just like Elvis."

White said that he finds Anthony's work to be interesting, especially because the viewers of her work can see it at so many levels. For those who go to Graceland, they will see it one way, but for those who have never been, they see it differently.

"Even if someone doesn't like Elvis, you can't deny that Alice has a great eye," said White.

This past August, more than any other visit to Graceland, Anthony said that she felt like she belonged



Alice Anthony

and was accepted by the people. After visiting for so many years, she has been able to make friends with people who travel to Graceland every year.

"It never gets boring to me because it's always new," said Anthony. "People really interest me, and I feel like I've made some friends down there."

Milligan Singers change music style, name, director

By CLAIRE MILLER
Reporter

Milligan Singers is a different group this year. Literally.



The choir practices at Hopwood Christian Church under the direction of David Butzu. Andrew Stauffer

The ensemble has changed gender restrictions, instructors, music and its name.

"The first thing," said David Butzu, the new director of the ensemble, "is that they're not reading music. All the music is learned by (memory)."

Dr. Kellie Brown, chair of music, said of the newly updated choir, "It's a big opportunity for people who normally wouldn't be involved in a choir."

Butzu said between 30-35 students, including three male students, have joined the choir. Auditions are no longer required, and professors and community members have also taken part.

Butzu, who is also the minister of worship at Hopwood Christian Church, said he wants the ensemble to focus less on performance and more on worship.

"Performance and entertainment are not synonyms in my book," he said. "To perform something means that you do something according to a form. Our form is going to be worship."

Senior Aubrey Fulton said, "I really like that mentality. I like how it's so relaxed and he's so focused on God. I enjoy it more for the worship than the music."

The group will have a new style as well, which Butzu referred to as "African-American gospel," a style he said was characterized by loud, highly energized singing. He also said that the choir will perform both ancient and more recent gospel songs.

Fulton, who was part of Milligan Singers last year, said of the old style, "Milligan Singers was a lot more classical—a lot more traditional."

Another thing that will change is the group's name. They are currently looking for a creative name for the group, and all suggestions are welcome at Davidbutzu@aol.com.

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Milligan gears up for new clubs

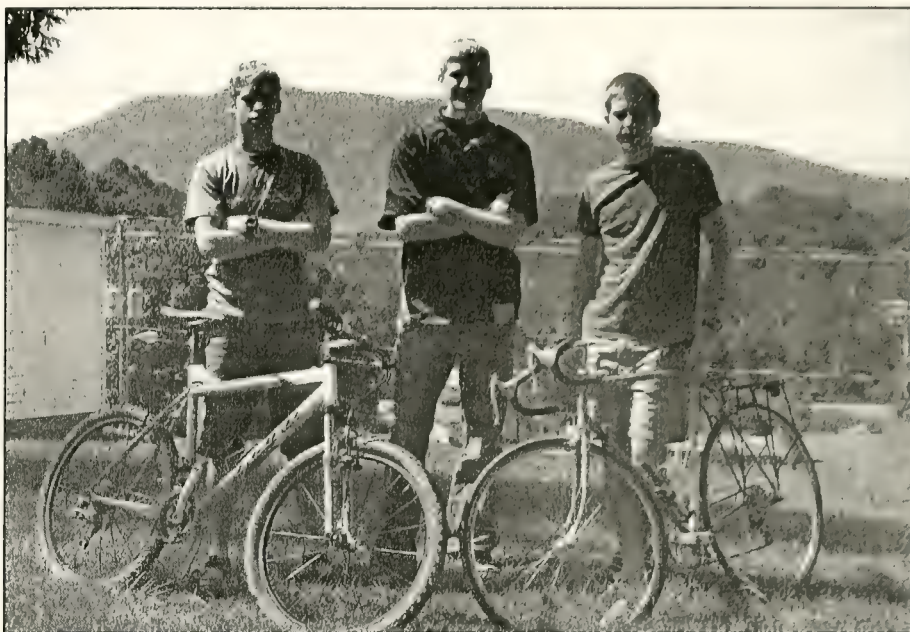
By JACOB RAMSEY
Reporter

Rush Day introduced students to clubs they could join, some of which are new to the campus this semester.

One of the new clubs, The College Republican Chapter, offers young republican students on campus an opportunity to become more involved with politics, especially as the presidential election races down the final stretch in the weeks before Nov. 2, Election Day. Reese Cubol, who heads the chapter at Milligan, said the new club will benefit the Milligan College community by providing students an opportunity to voice their opinions and be active in politics.

"Our first and most important goal is to make sure our current president, President Bush, gets re-elected in November. Our second goal is to aid in the election of Republican candidates at all local and regional levels of government in Tennessee. The purpose of our club is to make known and promote the principles of the Republican Party among the students of Milligan College," Cubol said.

When asked if voter registration would be a key goal for the club she responded, "Our main focus is for the



The Cycling Club: The club is led by Jared Cakebread (far left). The group plans to have a regular schedule of rides up soon. They are interested in popularizing biking as a fun hobby for students. Those interested in participating in the club can e-mail Cakebread at JPCakebread@milligan.edu or contact Cycling Club officers Josh Redden (middle) and Amos Nidiffer (far right) for more information.

students to vote conservative but encouraging the student population to register to vote will also be a priority."

A second club starting to turn its wheels at Milligan is the Rollerblading Club. The new club is open to any

rollerbladers, bikers or other Milligan students who would like to get together and have fun.

According to club leader Kelly Sharp, "The rollerblading and biking club promotes fun, fitness and fellowship. It's a great way to make friends, exercise and have fun. We 'meet' whenever it's nice outside and people want to blade or bike for a while, hang out, or drink Gatorade with us."

Rollerblading is a sport that Sharp and her friends discovered on campus last semester. "The Rollerblading Club started unofficially last spring semester when a few friends started blading around campus at night. The temperature is really nice late at night, and it's just plain fun! We blade

around the Mary Seward Commons a lot, and there are plenty of hills to fall down on. Whenever people wanted to, we would go to random tracks at area schools to exercise," said Sharp. If any students would like to join or find out more, Sharp suggests finding her on campus or e-mailing her at KASharp@milligan.edu. Sharp added, "We don't care if you can rollerblade or not! We'll teach you. We'll lend you our blades. We'll bandage your wounds (because we fall a lot)...whatever it takes."

New student refund policy puts check in mail

By ANNA GINDLESPERGER
Reporter

Various changes in procedure are taking place at Milligan College this semester, including a refund policy which will be "more efficient and effective than our previous policy" according to Chris Rolph, associate vice president for business and finance.

In years past, students were encouraged to have extra funds held in their account. These funds would stay in the account and carry over to the next semester's balance. Those wishing for a return of the excess funds had to request that a check be mailed to them.

With the new method, checks will be automatically issued each week. Students with a credit balance on Thursday will be issued checks on

Friday, but students may request to have their checks mailed earlier in the week if they wish.

The change in Milligan's policy was made to meet Department of Education guidelines more effectively than the school had in the past.

"The regulations require that we refund money to students if a credit balance was created on their account by federal funds," said Rolph. "Federal funds include grants and loans. If students want to keep a credit balance on their account, they must give us permission to retain the funds until the student requests them."

Though these guidelines, which apply to all colleges and universities, require that only those balances created by federal monies be refunded, Milligan will issue checks for everyone with a credit

balance, regardless of the source.

"The change allows us to comply with regulations more easily," Rolph said.

He also said most other schools refund credit balances as they are created. "We have also seen that most students would prefer to get their refunds right away."

"As a result," Rolph said, "we are no longer asking students to give us permission to hold credit balances on their account; we are simply issuing refunds as they are created each week."

Senior Hannah Henderson sees both positive and negative effects of the policy change. "For some it will be helpful to receive the extra money without having to request it. On the other hand some people need the extra money to stay in their account for future expenses. This will be a bit of a problem because it causes extra

paperwork to be filled out by students."

Becky Brewster, a secretary in the financial aid office, said the new policy will cause her and the others working in the office "a little more stress." They will need to look at each student account every week to determine whether a check needs to be issued.

Most checks from state grants and various other scholarships have not come in yet, so the office has not had much extra work thus far. However, they are expecting the work load to pick up beginning this week thru mid-October, the usual time for scholarship funds to come in.

Students wishing to have their excess funds held on their account rather than refunded to them may fill out a form available in the financial aid office.

SGA announces reorganization

■ New subcommittees to increase efficiency, influence student body

By MANDI MOONEY
Online Managing Editor

Milligan's Student Government Association is restructuring its organization into three subcommittees in order to increase "its efficiency and influence" within the student body, according to SGA President Rachel Cunningham.

In last Tuesday's first meeting of the semester, SGA's executive council announced that the changes in format will begin immediately. One of the most important changes being made this year is the way the members are organized. Each member of SGA, whether he or she is a class president or a club's chairman, will be assigned to one of three subcommittees: finance/business, campus ministry and student life.

"I think that the new subcommittees are going to work out just fine," said junior class representative Randall Moore. "Having emphasis on being more structured is vital because it makes sure that SGA will perform their duties the best way we can."

Each subcommittee will meet separately during the meetings to go over bills and issues. For example, the finance/business subcommittee will meet to discuss budget decisions. The groups will then come back together to vote on the bill as a whole.

Cunningham hopes that this format will help to involve more of the members in the process instead of just the executive council. Saving time in meetings by dividing into subcommittees will increase SGA's effectiveness as a student government as well.

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Are you ready to vote?

BY ERIN BLASINSKI
Editor-in-Chief

I turned 18 one month before the 2000 elections, and I was ecstatic that I was going to be able to make a difference. My vote would count. But what was I voting for. What issues did each candidate stand for, what policies meshed with my values, who contradicted what I believe as a Christian?

Now that I look back, I'm not sure I even understood what I was voting for when I punched the button and submitted my selection for president. I didn't know and frankly, as an 18-year-old I didn't think knowing would have made a difference to me. What did it matter; I wouldn't be impacted, right? After all, I was only 18.

I think that this is the idea most young people have about voting. "It won't make a difference if I vote. Nothing the president does will impact my life."

Well, this is a flawed way of thinking. We might be young, but we will continue to grow up, and the policies and issues that are being dealt with up in Washington, D.C. will have an effect on our lives.

As Christians we should want to stand up and vote for a person who will uphold the beliefs and values that we hold so dear to our hearts. Why

should we sit back and allow everyone else to vote for a president who doesn't believe what we know to be true? I think that each of us should look at the options we have for president, examine the issues and stands that each takes and compare them with our personal beliefs.

Politics. Oh, the word makes me cringe as I'm sure it does for some of you as well.

Others of you love politics and know everything about it: the jargon, the people, the issues. Others of you don't know much and probably don't care.

This summer I spent quite a bit of time thinking about the upcoming semester and how I want *The Stampede* to be involved in providing information for the campus. The presidential election is one issue that I feel needs to be addressed, so be looking for information pertaining to presidential candidates and a breakdown of the issues each one feels is important in upcoming issue of *The Stampede*.

I hope and pray that each of you seriously look at where your personal convictions lay and look at the values that each candidate brings to the table. Don't vote based on what your will be parent's voting. Don't vote based on what your friends vote. Vote because you want to and you realize that your choice will impact your life. Just think of where you will be in four years.

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'TWIRP week is next week, but I can't find a date.
What is the girl to guy ratio?'

The Stampede takes on new role

By Mandi Mooney
Online Managing Editor

"I read 50-60 [college] papers every week and am disappointed in the lack of depth and breadth," wrote Orem Campbell, publisher of the University of Washington's student newspaper.

For the past few years, these same

words have been applied to *The Stampede*. In previous years, *The Stampede* was printed only once every two weeks and posted online during off-weeks. The small proximity of Milligan, as well as the emergence of readily available information on the Internet, has diminished the importance and value of a student newspaper. *The Stampede* then, has come to be known throughout Milligan's campus as a "waste of time and paper," as it prints already widely-known information.

A main objective of journalism is to

provide complete, accurate information in a timely manner. Time and budget constraints have limited Milligan's student newspaper from being an up-to-date source of information. Because of these constraints, *The Stampede* has not been meeting its objective.

Therefore, as you may have noticed throughout the past week, *The Stampede* has undergone significant changes and reorganization in order to increase its accuracy, timeliness and availability to Milligan. *The Stampede Online* will now be updated three times each week with

breaking news, sports updates, local weather forecasts and editorials. If you have any breaking news information or events you would like to see covered, please e-mail them to stampede@milligan.edu. With this new organization, *The Stampede* staff hopes that Milligan's faculty and students will soon come to think of its student newspaper as a valuable resource and a part of every day life. We would appreciate any comments you may have on the new format and hope you find the frequent updates helpful and informative.

WEEKEND FORECAST Weather

Information from www.weather.com

With hurricane Ivan continuing to travel north, Milligan students can expect a wet weekend with thunderstorms and heavy rain.

Friday: High 74, Low 64, 90% chance of rain
Saturday: High 77, Low 62, 80% chance of rain
Sunday: High 72, Low 62, 40% chance of rain

IDEAS FOR A RAINY WEEKEND

Volleyball tournament: The Milligan volleyball team will host a tournament on Saturday and play three games. 12:00- Milligan vs. North Greeneville, 2:00- Milligan vs. Cumberland, 4:00- Milligan vs. Martin Methodist

Movies opening this weekend: "Wimbledon"- starring Kirsten Dunst and Sam Neill. When a British tennis player is past his prime, a young rising female tennis star inspires him to step up his game.

At the Bonnie Kate: "Elmo in Grouchland" Kid's Theater Party, Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. Admission Fifty Cents



Milligan's next mascot was formed out of rice krispies treats in the cafeteria on Wednesday. Dave Taylor provided the treats for representatives from each dorm to create a buffalo. Kestley Hall won a late night snack party thanks to the creative talents of Ryan Allcott and Adam Deiwert.

Andrew Stauffer

Increase in college students registering to vote

By ERIC D BLACKBURN
Reporter

With the promotion of voter registration on college campuses like Milligan College, East Tennessee State University, Northeast State, and also on the internet, Washington County Republican and Democratic headquarters are seeing an increase in student registration.

"It's increased even more this year. We've seen a lot more registrations by students," said Connie Sinks, voting administrator for Washington County.

Both John Kerry and George Bush Headquarters in Washington County are pushing to get younger Americans, 18-25, to vote in this November's election. They have even gone as far as setting up voter registration areas in places such as Chick-Fil-A and local bars.

"We're promoting in local bars, on school campuses, and we are even trying to arrange a showing of the movie Fahrenheit 9/11 at ETSU," said Guy Kramer, Washington County Democratic Voting Chair.

With the appearance and giggly speech by 22-year-old twins Jenna and Barbara Bush at the Republican National Convention, it is clear that times have changed. President Bush not only relies on wife Laura but also his two daughters to

pull in younger voters.

Both parties agree on the importance of young voters. The state of Tennessee has made it easier for student voters from different counties and states to vote near where they attend college. All students need is a school address, a family member's home address or a post office box in the area where they can receive mail.

"I was finally like, OK, you came to me, so I'm gonna do it," said Tracy Capehart, a senior at ETSU who just registered to vote. Like many other students, she planned to register four years ago when she turned 18 but just never got around to it.

"A lot of students just don't know how to go about registering to vote, so when they actually see it out there, they are more willing to do it," said Crystal Diaz, feminist majority leader and sophomore at ETSU. "For a young student it's too much work just going out on your own and finding out how."

Rockthevote.com echoes the sentiment of both Democratic and Republican parties by saying that it does not matter how much in depth a person knows about the candidates and their issues, just that they are informed enough to get out and exercise their right to vote.

In past presidential elections,

Tennessee has favored a conservative Republican stance. Kramer agreed. "East Tennessee is usually a conservative area so most likely it will vote Republican, but we are looking at the effects long-term. Once they get used to voting, we hope they'll get more involved with the issues and then be able to form their own opinions. Right now we basically want to just get the young people to exercise their right to vote."

"Voting is really important for college students," said Milligan freshman Virginia Archer. "It's a chance for them to get out and let their voice be heard."

"If young voters started using their voice at the polls there would be a different agenda pushed," said Washington County Republican Youth Chair Shawn Godsey. "There would even possibly be a difference in whose elected not only nationally but locally."

Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen is also aware of the importance of young voters at the polls. "Every day I work hard to ensure that Tennessee equips its young people to live life to its fullest by providing quality schools and a competitive work environment," said Bredesen. "[That] generation is poised to inherit this state. That's why it's essential to take stock in and shape it's destiny. You can do that by casting your vote and sounding your voice."

Milligan Singers continued



Butzu, a Michigan native, packed his bags for Emmanuel School of Religion after receiving his bachelor's of music degree from the

University of Michigan. He graduated from Emmanuel in 2000 and moved back to Michigan, where he directed a choir at Bethesda Christian Church, which averages an attendance of 3500. He returned to the East Tennessee area a month ago.

Butzu said that those who are interested in joining the choir can come to practices at 3:40 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Hopwood; however, since the date for adding classes has passed, credit is only available for those already in the choir.

For those who would rather watch, Butzu said that a performance is slated for Nov. 1 at Hopwood.

SGA announces reorganization continued



Senior class president Todd Davis will lead the business/finance subcommittee, assisted by freshman class president Sam Belmar.

Junior class president Tim Cassens and sophomore class president Reese Cubol will head the student life subcommittee.

Juniors Isaac Schade and Beth Harkey have been added to SGA as the co-chairs of the campus ministry subcommittee. Not only will they be involved with strengthening the importance of campus ministry to Milligan's students, but they will also be leading SGA in devotionals during the meetings.

"The changes came because we felt that SGA was not really as influential as it could be," said Cunningham. By becoming involved in areas that SGA was not previously involved in, such as campus ministry, SGA's influence throughout the campus should increase.

Other differences include having SGA meet on off-convocation Tuesdays instead of Tuesday nights so that all members will be able to attend. This structure will hopefully eliminate most of the conflicts that students had with the previous meeting time. Although the amount of time spent in meetings will be cut in half, dividing up into subcommittees will allow SGA to triple the amount of business they cover in a meeting. Because of this structure,

committee chairs, such as the coordinator for academic affairs or concert council, are now required to attend at least one meeting a month. Also, meetings have been moved and will be held in SUB 7.

Cunningham stated that, despite the format changes, SGA's budget will remain the same.

"These decisions were student led," said Cunningham. "We worked with some administration who gave some advice and direction, but the executive council came up with the plan and put everything into action."

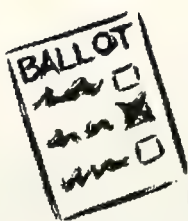
Members of SGA spent last Friday night and Saturday morning at Laurel Fork Lodge to work out the new organization as well as to connect as a body.

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 "Hey everyone I'm selling my RR in the bank"

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Tennis players return with wins and losses

By Claire Miller
Reporter

Five members of the Milligan Community returned from a tennis tournament in Nashville after pocketing wins and losses, both on the court and off.

Doubles team Cheri Lomison, senior, and Cassie Lomison, junior, took first place in the B Division of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Championships-NAIA Southeast Regional Tournament. They defeated Stefanie Wuenscher and Paula Guzman, from Cumberland University, for the title.

"I think we played really well," said Cassie. "We made a name for Milligan down there."

Her sister agreed. "I knew we had a good chance," said Cheri. "Especially when we found out we were going to be in the B Flight."

The duo played three matches to win the title, but neither Lomison sister expects the win to bring national rankings because it was the lower division.

Of the four players who attended—the Lomisons and men's tennis team members sophomores Tom Jones and Ryan Reynolds—three advanced to the quarterfinals in singles play.

Tom Jones advanced to the A Flight quarterfinals after defeating Will Edmonds of Cumberland University in his second round. "It was two hours long," Jones said of his match against Edmonds, who told the Lomison sisters that Jones was his first loss to an American.

Men's tennis coach Rich Aubrey said of the match, "Tom played some great and gutsy tennis. It was his fourth match of the day, and the temperature was in the 90's. He got sick on the court during his second set tiebreaker, but played through it and won...When he finished that match, it was one of those times when a coach just delights in having watched an athlete will himself to victory."

Jones lost 6-2, 6-3 to Thiago Barboas, Virginia Intermont, in the quarterfinals match. "I was probably the only American in the quarterfinals," Jones said of the other athletes.

Both Cassie and Cheri received first round byes in singles. Cassie

defeated Afiya Cozier of Martin Methodist in the second round and lost to Kristina Popovic, Cumberland University, in the quarterfinals.

"I think I did OK," Lomison said of her performance in singles.

Cheri defeated Stefanie Wuenscher, Cumberland University, before losing to Janet Khaemba, Virginia Intermont, in the quarterfinals.

"I knew in the second round I was playing a girl from VI," Cheri said, "and they're usually pretty good."

Reynolds played two matches, losing in the round of 16.

"In his first match," Aubrey said. "He got off to a shaky start. Ryan has a way of just playing his way into a match."

Reynolds survived, winning in the third set tiebreaker. His next match proved fatal though. After three sets against

Humberto Costa, King, Reynolds lost.

"I wish Ryan could have come through," Aubrey said, "but going three sets against Costa is a good result for him. More importantly, he showed in both of his matches that he will not quit."

As a doubles team, Jones and Reynolds lost in the second round of play.

Aside from losses on the court, the team incurred financial losses, as well, when the Milligan van was broken into.

Cassie said she went to the van to get her purse and saw a hole underneath the keyhole. "I opened the doors and everything was everywhere," Cassie said.

Aubrey said the perpetrators took his wallet/portfolio, Cassie Lomison's purse, (which contained her wallet and cell phone), and Reynolds' wallet.

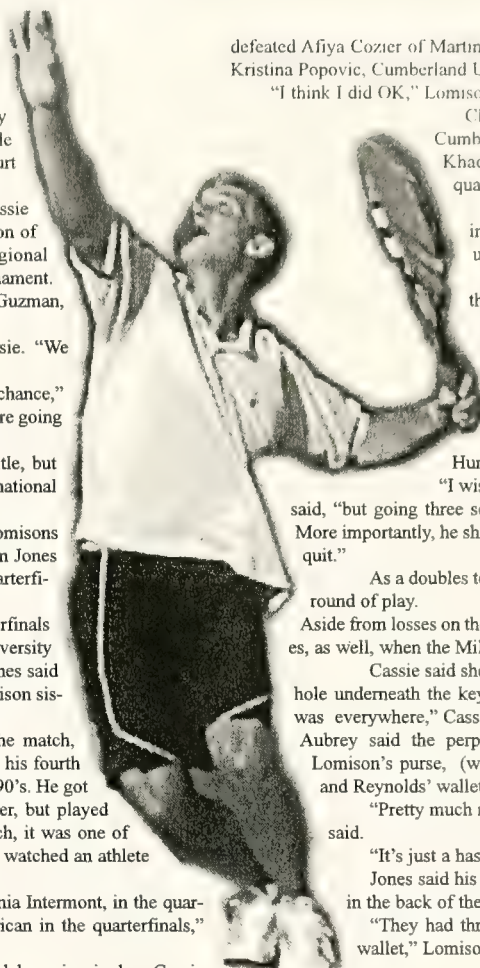
"Pretty much my entire identity was in my purse," Cassie said.

"It's just a hassle, really," Reynolds said.

Jones said his wallet was probably missed because it was in the back of the van, while Cheri said she was just lucky.

"They had thrown everything out of my bag except my wallet," Lomison said. "I got really, really lucky."

photo by Cassie Lomison



Milligan student to speak at national convention

By MANDI MOONEY
Online Managing Editor

Junior Karissa Schrage seems to be an average college student. She looks like a regular 21-year-old, talks like an educated student and loves to have fun with her friends. However, she is not your average student. Schrage is a "missionary's kid," otherwise known as an MK. She was raised in Kenya, Africa, is fluent in Swahili and never knew what a Wal-Mart was before coming to Milligan College her freshman year.

Schrage will be sharing her experiences growing up as an MK today at the sold-out, ticketed luncheon session of the 48th annual National Missionary Convention in Peoria, Ill this weekend.

During this year's convention, missionaries and MKs from all across the globe will be speaking at each breakfast

and lunch session. Schrage is the only college student who will be speaking.

"I basically just want to dispel the belief that MKs miss out on their childhood because of where they grow up," said Schrage, referencing her speech. "People have perceptions of MKs that they should look weird or act like misfits of society, but it was a privilege and an honor to grow up overseas. Once you get a taste of the world, you never forget it."

When Joe Wise, director of development and church relations, and Dr. Jeff Miller, associate professor of Bible, heard that the convention chairs were asking for missionaries to speak, they thought of Schrage. They approached her to see if she would be willing to share her experiences.

"Just after [Wise and Miller] asked me about speaking, Walter Birney [the convention coordinator] e-mailed me and

asked me," said Schrage.

Schrage will be sharing the stage with three other missionaries at the luncheon.

"My main intention in the speech is to encourage people who are afraid of being missionaries and having children overseas," said Schrage.

Although she was born in the United States, Schrage's parents moved to Kenya when she was only ten weeks old. She grew up living in a mud hut in the rural village areas of Kenya with her Kenyan-born sister Kathryn, 19, and brother Kyle, 16. When Schrage was in the fifth grade, the family moved into the city of Nairobi.

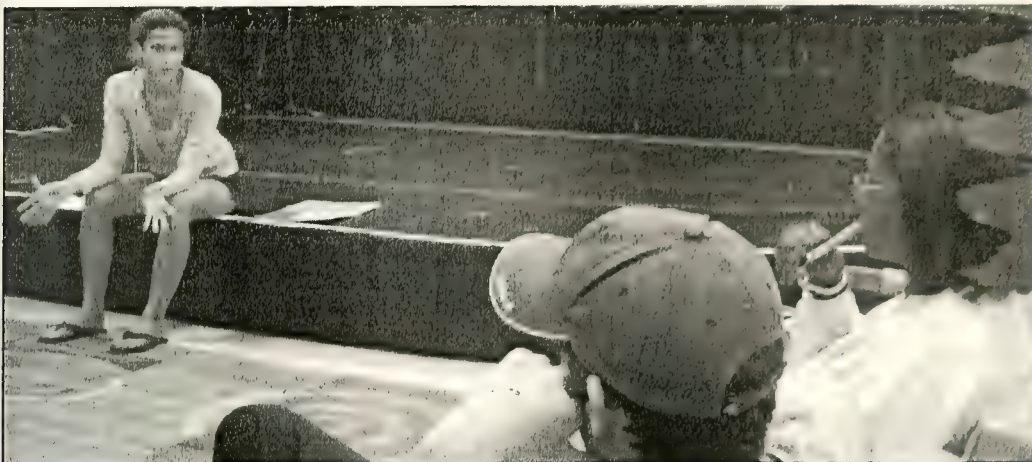
"[Being an MK] teaches you to be much more resourceful and reliable," said Schrage. "You do learn to cherish the few friendships you have, and you get to interact with people that are so different from you."

When Schrage left her family in Kenya and came to Milligan in the fall of 2002, it was the first time she had ever lived in the United States, with the exception of summer furloughs every three years. She had never counted American money or driven on the right side of the road.

"At first, [being at Milligan] was hard because I'm Kenyan, but I look and talk like an American," said Schrage.

In the summer of 2003, Schrage's family relocated to Joplin, Mo.

Schrage, and 13 other Milligan students, traveled to Illinois Thursday morning for the opening session of the convention. The first convention was organized in 1948 to mobilize churches to become involved in world evangelism, recruit new missionaries and provide a national platform for missionaries to speak to people and churches.



Club organizer, sophomore Sara Manny, leads a discussion at the Broadcasting Club meeting this past week. Club members, both experienced and inexperienced with broadcast, met in SUB 7 to discuss ideas for their news show. *Andrew Stauffer*

Broadcasting Club prepares for plan of action

BY SARAH DAHLMAN
Reporter

Milligan College students involved with the new Broadcasting Club are fired up and ready to begin a weekly news show made for students on campus. The club's proposition is to use both experienced and inexperienced students to make the news show work.

"There will be news, interviews, sports, music videos and short SNL type sketches," said sophomore club organizer, Sara Manny. "I think this show will let the students who do want to know what's going on around campus find out in an easy way."

The laid back and entertaining news show will appeal to students with humor, as well as discuss important issues that need to be raised.

"We will be doing stories on everything going on on campus, off campus and national news as we see fit for a college community," said Manny. "We will cover sports, theatre, upcoming speakers, studio renovations. We also want feedback and suggestions, so the more (feedback) we get, the more people we get."

Students who aren't very experienced in broadcasting still have fun with their duties, and students who are experienced are using this club as an advantage for fun and experience.

Sixteen students are involved in the club, including senior Themeena Giturwa. "I'm looking for something that will look good on a resume, and I'm interested in becoming a self-starter, and this club will be an avenue to help with my self-starter skills," she said.

The Broadcasting Club intends to be

a success by using the confidence, experience and leadership within the group.

"We've got some really great leadership in the Broadcast Club, and I think that'll really help when it comes to making this whole thing work," said junior Bryan Mills.

The studio in Paxson will be going through set design renovation, so the club plans to use SUB 7 for production. The club is hoping to air their show after fall break on Mondays throughout the day about every two hours. According to Manny, last semester sophomore Amy Goodlet and Manny both had ideas about starting a Broadcasting Club and talked to Carrie Swanay this summer about organizing the club.

"We expect the number [of people in the club] to grow as the popularity of 'stardom' comes around," Manny said.

Digital Media tops after just two years

BY SETH A. AUSTIN
Reporter

The digital media emphasis of the communications department has seen an explosion in growth over the last two years, according to figures released by the Registrar's office last Friday.

The numbers show that student registered as communications majors with a digital media emphasis comprises 35% of all communication majors.

Dr. Carrie Swanay, who is responsible for the program and teaches many of the classes, was not surprised.

"Based on research from when we were looking to add [digital media] as an emphasis, I knew it was strong at that time," said Swanay. "I guess that's held true."

Several students have expressed their enthusiasm for the major.

"I wanted to get into graphic design," said senior Chad Parker on why he chose digital media. "It seemed like a good overall education into the digital world."

Parker also noted he is anxious for Milligan to start offering more complex classes. "I would like to see a graphic design class, with a focus towards corporate advertising. Something that's practical, not tutorials."

Digital media is a relatively new field. It encompasses several technological media disciplines, yet students can focus in one specific area, such as graphic design or video. Many students, even those not majoring in digital media, have taken digital imaging, a core digital media class taught by adjunct instructor and Milligan alumnus Keith Nakoff.

Junior business major Tim Cassens enjoyed the class. "I took [digital imaging] to learn more about how to work with pictures and with Photoshop," said Cassens. "It takes a lot of time, but it's worth it."

The major is gaining popularity, due in part to the fact that churches are realizing the need for people who can develop video, graphics and web sites.

"I know several churches who would hire digital media students," said Dr. Bruce Montgomery, professor of communications.

Cross Country team hosts clinic for middle schoolers

BY ERIN BLASINSKI
Editor-in-Chief

The Milligan cross country team wanted to do more than just pick up trash for a service project, so the team invited local middle school children to a running clinic this Saturday, Oct. 2, from noon until 2:00 p.m.

"Last year the team cleaned up trash around campus, and this year Rachel (Carriger) and I wanted to do something bigger," said junior cross country runner Brandon Talbert.

Chris Layne, head coach of Milligan's cross country and track teams, said that the planning and organization

for this project was done by the team.

"I have pushed them to put something together that they would enjoy doing that would also give back to the community," said Layne, "and what better fit than to do a cross country running clinic."

After discussing the idea with the team, Talbert and Carriger decided to have the entire team involved in the planning, with each person having his or her own responsibilities.

Information and posters were distributed to local middle schools, as well as to the State of Franklin Track Club. Happy Valley Middle School's cross country coach Jason Elliott said that he has been asked by several students for more information about the clinic.

Most of the people who are excited are the school athletes and track and cross country runners," said Elliott. "We've never offered anything like this to my knowledge."

The Milligan cross country team members will teach proper warm-up and stretching exercises, correct running form and training techniques for long distance and sprinting runners.

Talbert said he wants to instill these habits in the children from the start because he wishes that he had learned them at an earlier age.

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Meditation garden nearing completion

BY ERIC D. BLACKBURN
Reporter

Milligan College's meditation garden should be completed by Homecoming weekend, Oct. 22-24, according to service manager of landscaping and grounds Kevin Hurley.

"A majority of the work and designing plans have been done by the students," said Hurley, who is overseeing the project.

Located between the faculty office and science building, director of the Institute for Servant Leadership Beth Anderson hopes the 8,000 sq. ft. garden will provide a location that will encourage reflection and meditation on servant leadership.

"We hope this could be done through

enjoyment of the garden and/or the development and keep of the garden. This is not only meant for students. We would like to see partnerships between faculty and students as well," said Anderson.

Provided by the Eli Lilly Grant, \$6,000 was donated to enable students and faculty to "develop a theological experience through vocation."

Open to the entire campus community and visitors, Hurley estimates 40 to 45 students have already volunteered to help. The fine arts and science areas have designed the layout and chosen appropriate plants and flowers for the region and climate. Five boulders engraved with specifically chosen scriptures by Bible students dealing with servant-leadership will serve as the focal points of the garden.

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Milligan students voice opinions

'Yes, I do support President Bush'



BY ANDY OLIVO
Guest Columnist

There is one question these days that most people ask that tells whether or not a person is a Republican or Democrat: Do you support President Bush and his use of force in invading Iraq during the war on terrorism? My answer to that: Yes, I do support President Bush and the efforts he has made to help to liberate a country and free them from a dictator that has been in power for far too long. But my support of President Bush and the Republican Party goes much further than that.

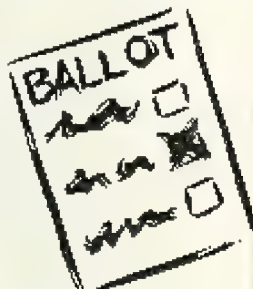
When California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger was speaking at the Republican National Convention on Aug. 31, he hit the nail on the head when he described a Republican to those who are undecided or clueless. I do believe that the government should be accountable to the people and not the people to the government; I do believe that a family knows how to spend their money better than the government does; I do believe that the educational system should be held accountable for the progress of its students.

One issue that I also have a firm belief in that was not mentioned is abortion. I have been known to be one-sided when it comes to abortion and not even consider what others have to say, but that is because I believe in my heart that it is wrong. There are many who agree with me and many who do not, mostly Democrats who do not, but this is a major issue and topic, whether or not it is getting much attention these days, and I am supporting President Bush because he is making efforts to

control abortion.

My support in this election and future elections will go to the person I believe has the best moral and ethical views on running this country. Right now, that is President Bush. In the future it may be a Democrat that has these views, and if so I will vote democrat. But in 2004 I will be supporting the man who wants to run this country in a way that shows America is truly founded upon faith-based principles and beliefs and that man is President George W. Bush.

Many people want to label me as a right-wing Christian conservative, and that is ok because I believe as Christians we should take and show our faith wherever we go. As it says in Deuteronomy 6: 8, when talking about God's commands, "Tie them to your hands as a reminder, and wear them on your forehead." I believe that faith is an integral part of this country and by supporting President Bush, a man of faith, that will stay the same.



For those who have not registered to vote yet, visit www.justvote.org. If you are in need of an absentee ballot, follow the easy steps to complete the process.

ARE YOU READY FOR NOV. 2?

'Maybe I won't vote at all. After all, I have been elected into the Kingdom of God.'



BY W. ANDREW GIBBENS
Guest Columnist

Honestly, I'm not too concerned with America becoming stronger. In fact, the idea scares me.

Kerry's bumper sticker hasn't convinced me he deserves my vote.

I don't stand with President George W. Bush.

If Nader actually receives five percent of the vote that would certainly throw a monkey wrench in the two party system. I don't really care if that happens. I don't believe in the American system.

If Kerry is elected, maybe America will become stronger. The arsenal will certainly continue to grow, as it has for the past 60 years. The Democrats started it. Maybe some of the millions of forgotten people who lost their jobs during the past term will get some work.

If Bush is elected, (I won't say re-elected), the United States will probably start a few more wars on some things and some countries. That'll probably happen with Kerry, too. And more people will go unemployed.

I can almost see a Bush "victory" as better. It could create a situation in which Christians might finally realize they don't have to trust in worldly powers or put their support behind them. Aren't Christians supposed to stand up against the sorts of injustices the Bush administration is guilty of? I suppose some of us need some more flagrant evil in front of us to wake up. Bush isn't a Christian president. He is an American president. The same will be true of Kerry, but as of now it seems like Christians are more likely to uncritically support the Republican Party.

At the time I was asked to put my opinions into words for this opinion piece I figured I would vote for Kerry simply to vote against Bush. Now I'm toying with the idea of voting for Bush to help America go to "hell-in-a-hand-basket." Maybe I won't vote at all. After all, I have been elected into the Kingdom of God. I should not trust in worldly powers, such as an American president and the system used, to elect one.

Is this a reasoned stance? Well, it is a wrestling with my faith. I want to trust in Christ and not in men, particularly here, men who run for president. I find none of the candidates trustworthy or worthy to put my hope in. This may not be a practical statement. Maybe you can help me come to a better conclusion.

'Let me urge the student body to take a deeper look at ethical and moral issues in this election'



BY CHRIS BYRD
Guest Columnist

For the record, this year's presidential election is by far one of the most unique elections in many years. There are two candidates, one, the incumbent president, George W. Bush, and the other, a senator from Massachusetts, John Kerry. Both of these men have extensive political experience, and the credentials to run for President of the United States.

However, unlike past elections, the most important issues facing our nation are not solely economic or foreign policy

focused. Although the war in Iraq will be a significant issue in the presidential debates set to happen this week, I want to focus on issues that are often overshadowed by the war in Iraq, namely, the ethical and moral issues of abortion, gay marriage, and stem cell research. Please don't misunderstand my thoughts., Economics and foreign policy are important, but I simply desire to bring to light these other topics.

My voting decisions are based on more than the three previously mentioned issues. Each candidate for president has different views toward these topics., George W. Bush is opposed to all three, and is even pushing a constitutional

amendment against gay marriage. John Kerry supports each of the three, and, even though he has said he doesn't support abortion, he isn't concisely against it either. Also, please consider that these facts I am sharing come with some differentiation and can change slightly for each candidate.

Now the issue at hand is: do you support abortion, gay marriage and stem cell research? Have you ever thought about it? Do you vote solely on economical and foreign policy issues? Let me urge the student body to take a deeper look at ethical and moral issues in this election.

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Eager students teach students in house courses

By MEGAN ALLEN & ERIN BLASINSKI
 Reporter & Editor-in-Chief

Students who participate in house courses this fall at Milligan College bridge the gap between academic life and student life by giving students the opportunity to teach a college course.

Mark Matson, vice president for academic affairs and dean, announced the house course program last spring, which is based on a similar program offered at Duke University. Matson received proposals from students interested in teaching a class, and the proposals were then approved by a committee before being offered to the student body.

"Almost all proposals were accepted to kick off the program (for this fall), but fewer will be accepted next semester," said Matson.

The courses focus on discussions that pertain to reading assignments and a few written assignments. Five house courses of various topics are offered this semester.

Some students chose the topic they wanted to teach on their own while others found encouragement from professors.

Senior Jessica Jennings came up with the idea for her class after taking Dr. Joy Drinnon's Media Effects on Children and Adolescents class that was offered during January term.

"I just took parts of her class and went more in depth," said Jennings. "Our class focuses on eating disorders, self-esteem, wellness and the media's impact particularly on women."

Junior Abby Conley, who teaches American Jesus, got her course idea from an article her adviser, Pat Magnus, professor of humanities and English, had read. "I read the article and decided to use the book mentioned in the article as the book for the class," said Conley.

Dr. Jeffrey Miller, assistant professor of Bible, developed the idea for the Women in Church, Bible, and Home class and asked senior Melissa McGovern to teach the course.

"[Miller] felt like the topic of women might be good to teach, and I had a strong background," said McGovern, "I plan on teaching this course again."

Conley and junior Deke Bowman, student teacher of Israeli and Palestinian Conflict, agreed that they would teach a house course again if it fits into their schedules.



Students in senior Jessica Jennings's house course meet in lower Sutton every other Wednesday evening to discuss issues like body image and wellness.
 Erin Blasinski

Most student teachers, students enrolled in the classes and advisers had no complaints of the house course program.

Jennings said that the students in her class have participated with great discussions and continue to grow more comfortable with honesty and openness.

"I felt by participating in (the house course) I would be helping students in what they were called to do," said junior Mary Stephens, "I would encourage the college to continue the approach and encourage people to get involved."

Junior Josh Kaminsky, who is enrolled in Bowman's course and in senior Aaron Gilley's Christ in Relationships class, said he thinks Milligan should continue the house courses.

Student teachers receive one elective credit with a letter grade, plus a \$200 stipend for teaching the course. Students taking the class receive one elective credit with a pass or fail grade. Complaints about the house course program include stipends and credit.

Junior Karina Bishop, a student in McGovern's class, said, "The teachers should get more credit."

"Student teachers should not be paid plus receive class credit," said senior Karen Alexander, a student in Gilley's class, "However, it's a good beginning to a new program."

Many students enrolled in house courses think one credit is appropriate for the students enrolled in the house courses.

For more information about house courses, contact Matson at 423-461-8720 or mmatson@milligan.edu.

Cross country team hosts clinic, continued from page 2

"I was not taught proper training techniques until I came to Milligan, and as a local runner I know that I would have been enthusiastic about learning more about the sport when I was younger," said Talbert.

The clinic is being hosted by the team as part of the NAIA Champions of Character initiative for student athletes. The values of the initiative are respect, integrity, responsibility, servant leadership and sportsmanship. One of the objectives for the program is that each athletic team is to participate in service projects in the community.

"I think it is a great initiative. I think it brings these values to the forefront of college athletics, and I think the NAIA does a good job of promoting the program," said Layne. "It goes without saying, how can you go wrong with following these core values?"

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Given the garden's location of campus activity, it is anticipated that it will be widely used by all members of the Milligan community. It's proximity to the newly developed campus commons will provide an additional venue for individuals to reflect on the beauty of God's handiwork and how each person can have a positive impact on society through servant-leadership.

"I think it is a great idea," said sophomore Amanda Moore. "A mediation garden will provide an environment for us to see the glory of God through nature."

Since ground breaking in summer 2004, Anderson has been taking applications for volunteers interested in development or continued maintenance of the project. The Institute for Servant Leadership office is still looking for people interested in volunteering.

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Can you say the incumbent president has done a good or bad job? Can you say John Kerry will be a better president, when he has no political leadership experience, other than being a senator? What influence does your Christian faith have on your decisions? I am not ashamed to say I am a Republican: however, my Christianity comes before my political affiliation.

Therefore, in conclusion, are your electoral convictions based on worldly issues, or issues that concern God? Who shall lead our nation? Lord willing, a president whose decisions come from understanding and wisdom not entirely from this world, but of from God.

Clever *Collateral* spins 'good versus bad'; proves digital success

By ERIC D. BLAKBURN
 Reporter

Collateral is one of the most widely talked about films this year when mentioning Oscar nominations. It focuses on the one night's events of Los Angeles cab driver Max, played by Jamie Foxx, as he discovers the passenger he has been driving, Vincent (Tom Cruise), is a contract killer. Once this is discovered, Max is taken hostage and ordered to drive Vincent around for the remainder of the night so he can finish his list of hits.

With attempted escapes, moments of vulnerability by both characters and law enforcement closing in, *Collateral* gives a new image of the face off of good versus bad. Both Foxx and Cruise give flawless

performances, both able to exchange the clever philosophical dialog that makes this movie cool and sleek. It's a classic in the making.

If you are asking the question whether you should see it in the theater or wait for DVD, I'd recommend going out to see this on the big screen. This film is an important milestone in digital media. With the exception of the Star Wars Prequels, *Collateral* was shot in digital media not for special CG (computer generated) effects but rather to shorten the production time and faster turnaround to the theater.

The performance and direction alone make this film worthy to see, but the fact that this film is digital is even more monumental.

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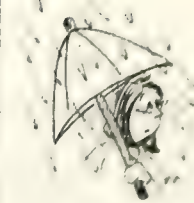
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Faculty celebrate 35th reunion

By CLAIRE MILLER
Reporter

Thirty-five years ago, women weren't allowed to wear pants at Milligan, Wonderful Wednesday was designated a day of discussion instead of fun and three familiar names were included on the spring graduation program.

Milligan professors Dr. Jack Knowles, Dr. Lee Magness and Dr. Pat Magness were all part of the graduating class of 1969, when the campus was different and so were the rules.

"Rules were unbelievable," said Pat. She and her fellow female students were required to observe curfew, sign out if leaving the dorm after dinner, wear skirts and dresses every day and abstain from smoking. Men, however, were permitted to smoke.

"There were a lot of rules for women, relatively few for men," said Lee. "(Milligan's administration) admitted the way they tried to control the men's behavior was to control the women's behavior."

Wonderful Wednesday began in 1969 as an effort to control a different kind of behavior, said Pat. "This was a rebellious time on campus," she said. "Rules were being overturned, people were objecting.... I really think (Wonderful Wednesday) was to defuse tension on campus and keep us from rioting."

Knowles remembers the first Wonderful Wednesday. "It was actually set up as a time to get together in groups and talk about the Vietnam War," he said. "It's gone from a seminar to a Mardi Gras. Of course, that kind of release is also good."

Many students had been motivated to attend college because of the war, said Knowles. "More were trying to

get into college than there were spots in colleges," he said. "When I started college, students had a deferment."

Pat added that for male students, "It was either you go to college or you die."

The future faculty members enjoyed themselves despite the volatile political scene. Lee lived in Cheek Hall, a dorm located inside what was then the gym, which was near the current Science Building.

"We took advantage of where we lived, and we would sometimes sneak into the pool in the basement," he said. "We'd go skinny dipping at night."

"My cousin was an embittered prankster," said Knowles. "He told a gullible student that Norton Whitewall, the only left-handed conductor of the Philharmonic Orchestra was going to be in Atlanta and what would he think about organizing a trip?" he said. "He bought it hook, line and sinker." According to Knowles, the student put out publicity for the event before learning the truth.

Pat was one of the first residents of Hart Hall. Students were not allowed to have electrical appliances in their rooms for fear of overloading the circuit. "I got a demerit because I had an iron in my room," she said.

Current students may not recognize dorm names like Cheek; the campus has changed a lot in the last 35 years.



Dr. Jack Knowles holds class outside of Derthick during his earlier days of teaching at Milligan.
Photo courtesy of Milligan College archives

"There was no chapel when we arrived; we watched it be built," said Lee. He said that many private homes lined the main road through Milligan, with two standing on what is now the president's lawn.

During Pat's stay, the sidewalks leading to Hart hadn't been built. "We had to walk up cardboard to get in the front door," she said.

Milligan's spiritual life has also developed. Lee said that he has noticed a change in spiritual life. "Spiritual life is better now," he said. "It wasn't bad when we were here. It has to do with the attitude of the students. They come with a different spirit."

"Milligan is more intentionally and more successfully carrying out its mission of Christian education than it was in the 60's," said Knowles. "It seems to me that a greater percentage of students know the mission, embrace it and are a part of it."

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Mass e-mail restriction lifted for clubs

By MANDI MOONEY & MEGAN ALLEN
Online Managing Editor and Reporter

Milligan's clubs and organizations have been given official approval to send campus-wide e-mails without having to pass through the filter, a decision that follows close on the heels of the first major issue surrounding the new e-mail filters.

"This was the plan from the beginning [of the process]," said Vice President for Enrollment Management

David Mee. "The plan was to move to this once we had figured out how the whole system was going to work for us and once we had that under control."

In an e-mail sent on Wednesday afternoon, Mee and Director of Student Life Kim Parker notified the clubs and organizations about the changes and its stipulations, which involve ensuring the information pertains directly to the organization and has widespread interest.

The administration has been monitoring mass e-mails sent to the

campus for the past month, a policy constructed to cut down on the number of messages clogging the e-mail servers and campus accounts.

The new e-mail privileges came soon after the first main issue surrounding the e-mail filters. Milligan's administration decided that advertising Alpine Ski Center's Wednesday night sale, which was sponsored by SGA's Athletic Affairs committee, through campus e-mail was solicitation.

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New addition to professor's family

By ERIN BLASINSKI
Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Craig Farmer, professor of History and Humanities, and his wife Meg left yesterday to travel to China to pick up the newest addition to their family: a baby girl they have named Claire.

"We had a sense that our family was not complete, somehow, and I don't know where that (sense) came from but it was real," Farmer said, and mentioned that

he's always longed for a daughter.

Farmer said he and Meg began considering adoption about two years ago, particularly adoption of an Asian child for various reasons. Farmer grew up in eastern countries like Indonesia and Korea and that part of the world "has a grip on me," he said.

Because Farmer grew up in a multi-ethnic family with two younger siblings who were adopted, the idea of him having a multi-ethnic family only

"seemed natural."

A third reason for an Asian adoption is that after leading a group of Milligan students to China for a medical and educational trip three years ago, Farmer fell in love with the kids. He hadn't thought about adoption at that point but there were photos of the kids around his house once they returned.

Farmer said when they started to "look seriously" into adopting a child their minds went back to China.

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Claire Jing Lin Farmer at orphanage in China.
Photo courtesy of Craig Farmer

Seeger to appear on license plates

By ANNA GINDLESBERGER
Reporter

The picture of Seeger Chapel has appeared on posters and postcards, mugs and t-shirts, and will soon be found below the rear bumpers of Milligan College alumni.

The Alumni Relations Office recently approved the design for a Milligan College license plate, available for Tennessee residents.

"As long as I have worked in Alumni Relations, there have been alumni asking for a Milligan plate," said Theresa Garbe, director of Alumni Relations. "The criteria for getting a plate has changed in recent years, reducing the required minimum from 500 [prepaid buyers] to 100."

After the office has 100 prepaid buyers, the Department of Transportation will approve the plate and make it available to the general public.

"Once we have reached our minimum of 100 [prepaid buyers], people not included in the initial 100 will be able to request a Milligan College plate through their local county clerk's office," said Garbe. Unfortunately, the Alumni Office has had a hard time finding the initial number of buyers. An online survey taken this



past summer showed a good response, approximately 50 interests, but only 24 people have made the \$35 down payment. Garbe hopes the gathering of alumni this

weekend for homecoming will boost sales.

The specialty plates are only available to residents of Tennessee, this being the state with the highest concentration of Milligan alumni. Whether or not the offer will be extended to other states depends on the response they receive this year from Tennessee. The next states to be offered the plates would most likely be Indiana, Kentucky or Florida because of the number of alumni residing there.

The license plates cost \$35 above each county's usual renewal amount each year. For example, Washington County residents usually pay \$24 each year for the renewal of their license plates. Those wishing to have a Milligan College plate would pay \$59 this year and every ensuing year that they choose to keep the Milligan plate.

This is not a fundraiser for the Alumni Relations Office. The \$35 per-plate fee paid each year goes to the state. "The money is used to fund the TN Arts and Commission and state highway projects," said Garbe. "This is true of all specialty plate fees."

The tentative deadline for orders is mid-November

Men's soccer pummels Union College, 10-1; Lady Buffs fall, 1-0

By ERIN BLASINSKI
Editor-in-Chief

The Lady Buffs found themselves playing without much heart and effort on Wednesday night. Union College handed the Lady Buffs soccer team a 1-0 loss.

"We just didn't work hard enough and didn't want it bad enough," said junior Tanya Rupert.

Junior Katie Lindemann said the team came out slow in the beginning, resulting in Union's only goal of the match to be scored in the first half.

"We didn't play up to our potential," Lindemann said. She said the team came back out in the second half and played harder, but couldn't score on the opportunities that were made.

"Everyone was playing a lot harder (in the second half), defending and offending," Lindemann said. "It's a shame that we couldn't put one up."

David Dixon, head coach for women's soccer, said that the team didn't play very well.

"We lacked a passion and enthusiasm. We need to find that passion," Dixon said

of the team's performance Wednesday night and what he looks to improve for the upcoming games.

With the loss, the team's overall record fell to 8-8-1, and the conference record dropped to 4-3-1.

"We definitely are looking forward to ending the season on a good note and starting the playoffs on a good note," Lindemann said of the upcoming game this weekend.

The Lady Buffs will play at home on Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. against Cumberland University.



Senior Jackie Goncalves controls the ball during the game against Union College.

Andrew Stauffer

By MANDI MOONEY
ONLINE MANAGING EDITOR

The Milligan College men's soccer team continued their winning streak on Wednesday night, dominating against Union College (Ky.) and defeating the Bulldogs 10-1. Team captain senior Steven Townley led the Buffs with four goals and gained his first hat trick of the season.

"It's easy to play lackadaisical against teams like this, but we came out, got on top early and stayed there the rest of the game," said Townley.

Despite Union's poor season record (2-12), Milligan came into the game prepared to play their hardest. Their dedication paid off early when senior Ali Mohamed scored the first goal of the game only five minutes in off a penalty kick. Mohamed scored again in the ninth minute off an assist from Townley. In the

18th minute Townley scored his first goal.

The Buffs experienced a few minutes of worry just two minutes later when Union's Bert Kennedy scored.

"When they scored, it would have been really easy to drop down and play at their level," said Townley.

However, Milligan's determination to win came through and kept the Bulldogs from scoring for the remainder of the game. As the Buffs stepped up their defense, their offense picked up as well.

Townley scored his second goal off an assist from freshman Kofi Frimpong in the 31st minute, and sophomore Caleb Bollman scored again in the 33rd minute off an assist from sophomore David Lilly.

At the end of the first half, Milligan led 5-1.

The Bulldogs came back from halftime with a renewed attitude, hoping to recover lost ground. Both teams

struggled to play on a wet field as they slid and had trouble staying on their feet.

In the 63rd minute, Townley scored a goal to capture his hat trick off an assist from junior Stuart Mackinson.

From there, Milligan dominated the rest of the game, not allowing Union an opportunity to score. Mohamed scored Milligan's seventh goal off an assist from Frimpong in the 71st minute.

In the last ten minutes of play, the Buffs scored three times to bring the score to 10-1, with goals from Townley, senior Gabe Hillman and freshman relief goalie Brett Johnson, respectively.

Sophomore Jordan Fode had two saves. Sophomore Joel Wanyoike came in late in the second half to relieve Fode, and made one save.

"It's important that you play just as hard against teams that are not as good,"

Homecoming continued from page 1

A tradition still embraced by current students is creaking. All three faculty members were creaked while at Milligan.

Knowles met his wife, Gracie, at a church camp in Ohio. After dating in high school, the two separated when he went to college, and she stayed in Ohio to finish her senior year.

They wrote letters back and forth during Knowles' first year at Milligan, and she decided to attend. During Christmas break between his junior and senior year, the pair got engaged. "They threw me in the creek in the dead of winter," said Knowles.

Luckily for the Magness', they were formally engaged in a warmer month. Pat Magness said that the real decision to get married came in December, but the ring

didn't arrive until March.

"Attitudes were very different then," said Pat Magness. "We didn't even want money. The idea that you would have to have a big diamond ring; it seemed so materialistic. Who needs a diamond ring? You need love."

"It was a great four years," said Knowles. "I really enjoyed the class work and living in the dorms till we got married. I had some great teachers that were models for me of Christian scholarship."

All three were English majors, and Lee Magness double majored in Bible. "I met (the Magness') freshman year," said Knowles. "They were in a number of my classes right from the beginning. They were among my first and best friends early on."

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Letter to the editor: Student voices opinion

By **CARRIE L. MAYES**
Guest Columnist

I came to Milligan College because I yearned to be in a Christian community. I had visited here as a sophomore, junior and senior in high school and was overwhelmed with the warm light that radiated from the students in which I met. So, when I came here I expected it to be close to the same way. Maybe I was too idealistic. I come from a home of hostile non-Christians; maybe I expected Christians to be so much better than non-Christians in the acceptance department.

I now know how wrong I was in that expectation. After my first year here, I wanted to leave due to my serious disillusionment with the student body. I only stayed because a few professors encouraged me that as students mature, they blossom and my Humanities credits would transfer poorly while I was in the middle of the program.

So they appealed to my emotional and rational sides,

and I stayed only to feel more frustrated at the end of my second year.

I had then decided that I would just try to go to class and not care about belonging to a community. But, in my junior year serious trauma struck my life, and I had a desperate need for a compassionate community. The very first thing I encountered was cold Christians who only knew how to pass judgment. Yet again, I threw myself on the mercy of a few professors, and they, along with three precious students, helped me live through otherwise unbearable circumstances. At this time in my life the Milligan College community was more interested in the private details of my life as fodder for gossip than they were concerned for my emotional, physical or even spiritual well-being.

I find myself a senior now, and I've put aside all thoughts of ideal behavior from fellow Christians. I've decided to be more involved in the campus. I've decided that if I feel it's so bad here, I can try to change it by trying to be an example of the type of people I'd like to

see here. Apparently, the Milligan College community does not want that type of person here because in my sincere attempts to be that example, I've been sought out and struck down by many for my vocal differences.

I have removed all ideals and now compare you with the secular school just five minutes from here. I can go there where people have no reason to accept me, where people have no spiritual connection through Christ, and I find more acceptance. How is it that I, a Christian, can have more community with people of various faiths (or no faith at all) while I am seriously lacking of that here at a supposedly Christian institution? How is it that my experience here has been so negative? Is it because I haven't tried hard enough? Barring selling out and acting just like everyone else, how can I keep my identity and be accepted by you?

For those of you who don't know me, think of someone you've treated similarly. Recognize that you need to have communion with people outside your everyday clique of friends.

Student contemplates upcoming presidential election

By **DEKE BOWMAN**
Guest Columnist

Not what can be done for me but what can I do for _____.

After coming back to my room from Quillen lobby from watching the third presidential debate, angry about not getting answers to the questions that "I" have posed and wondering if my opinion matters in this national race, I was interrogated by my roommate. He simply asked how it might be different today if we offered solutions to problems that we

thought existed rather than offering problems and expecting solutions.

This issue is something that is not news to me. Being involved in SGA here at Milligan, it is no surprise that the general population of any community is willing to gripe about all wrong things yet willing to offer few solutions to these apparent problems. I found myself doing the same thing I have been so frustrated with.

The question from my roommate still remains: what can I do for my country, not what my country can do for me. My roommate was originally referring to context of the church. We often look at what the church is offering us rather than what we can offer to the church. We show great concern with how much we get rather than how much we may offer to the kingdom of God.

Let us look at what we can do. I have a problem when, in the presidential debates, the candidates talk in circles, answering questions with constant references to this plan or that plan, and all the while watching it, I get more frustrated. My roommate is still asking what I can do as part of the solution rather than just griping and being part of the problem.

I am still asking how much my voice matters in our national government. I have a vote, that is true, but all that vote really

does is speak to a group of electors to tell them who I think will do the better job in the presidency. There has to be more.

I look back to the comparison with the church. What can we, the church, do to positively affect society to improve all those things that we say are bad in our nation? No, I am not saying that the church get involved in politics, but I am suggesting that we act as the church should act to improve the kingdom.

If we see problems in education, as the church, should we offer solutions to help education by volunteering in the schools, acting as aids for our educators? If we see problems in the food pantries or shelters should we, as the church, feed those who are hungry and offer shelter to those without. Not to say that the church doesn't do this, but what if all of those who are a part of the church were invested in these efforts.

Healthcare, education, social security, jobs, taxes and the list can go on and on. We can ask questions and we expect a swift, accurate answer that happens to be the best and right answer for everyone. Yet, the only thing we do is praise and gripe. We offer no other options to help solve the problems at hand. Where do society's responsibilities lay, and why are we not acting on them? Is there a place for us to help?

The question of healthcare and

dealing with the poor and issues with education; what assistance can the church offer to society? We go all over the world offering all of those things to many other cultures and rightly so; we are called to do this. Just the same, we are called to do it here at home as well. Jesus himself worked to help society and bring people to the truth from the ground up. He dealt with high officials, but he mostly dealt with those in need at home.

As we examine the question of how we can offer solutions or how we can serve our country rather than our country serving us, let us look at the social structure and how our society is set up so that those who have may help those who do not. Are we doing that?

As I criticize policy I should ask myself what am I doing to positively affect a change so that maybe the policy to fix will be more affective or possibly fixing the problem within ourselves as self governing citizens of our great nation.

Let us look back on the cold winter day and ponder when President John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

What did he mean and shouldn't we be asking that of ourselves and our society going into this election and going into the future of our country regardless of who is in office?

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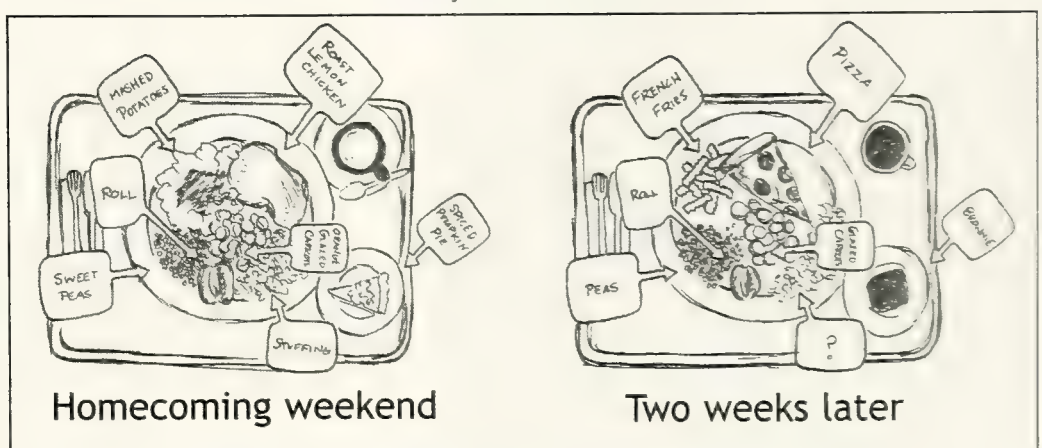
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Homecoming weekend

Two weeks later

What's cookin' in the cafeteria?

Student reflects on semester at Martha's Vineyard

By VICTORIA BAILEY
Guest Writer

By the time I left Cincinnati for my long trip north to Martha's Vineyard, an island off the coast of Massachusetts, regular Milligan students had already been in school for a month. I sat at home enjoying my extra bit of summer. Reading mass emails about buying/selling books and the usual Milligan events was a strange thing for me to not be a part of as I sat at the computer in my brother's bedroom during the hot mid-afternoons of late August and early September.

Now, I'm sitting with my laptop in my dorm room at the Contemporary Music Center on Martha's Vineyard. The air is chilly outside, and the leaves are starting to change. It seems that change, more than music, is what this semester is all about.

I guess I should start by giving you an idea of what I'm doing up here on our secluded campus in the middle of an island. The CMC is a domestic study program through Milligan College and the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. The goal is to study and gain experience in the professional music industry and to develop the skills necessary to be successful as either an artist or an executive in the industry. Thirty-two students are chosen to participate each semester in either of these tracks; I am studying the artist track, which includes courses in songwriting, recording and performance.

I am amazed that I am able to work with such talented people and that we are all gathered here with the same purpose in mind. Two of my friends did a show in town last weekend, and I sat there thinking, "We're just a bunch of college kids! We're running the sound, performing with our own bands and rocking the locals out of their seats. This is amazing!" And it truly is. And I can feel a change rising in myself already.

The typical thing to say is that I'm growing musically, spiritually and in many other ways as well. That's just easier to say than how I really feel. The fact is that I can't accurately describe it. I just can't. Kathleen Norris, in a book that I'm currently reading entitled "The Cloister Walk," writes, "Poets understand that they do not know what they mean." Sometimes, we know what it is we want to express but struggle to find the words.

There are two facets to songwriting: craft and inspiration. Being here has allowed me to struggle through writing as I've never struggled with writing before.

As I'm challenged musically- to invent chord progressions, wrinkles, hooks, pre-choruses, bridges, or breaking the songwriting "rules" altogether- I face my own musical weaknesses and strengths. I am stretched to be creative because my knowledge is limited. I'm learning. However, my lack of music theory and formal training allow me some freedom to explore, and that has been a learning experience for me as well.

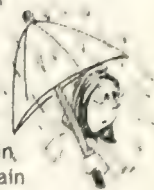
Living on an artist's colony, on the island of Martha's Vineyard, is especially inspiring. I can't think of a better place not only to explore art and music but also to delve into my soul and evoke what lies inside. We're all trying to discover who we are as artists and as Christians and how we can reconcile the two. Do I want to do contemporary Christian music? Do I want to play at bars and clubs? How do I play for a non-Christian audience when the very core of who I am is a believer and lover of God? How do I express my faith and the truths I have learned about life through the art I create?

There are so many more questions that I won't ask or dare to answer. But I will say this. The best that I can do is express what I feel. I've been on this Vincent Van Gogh kick lately, and he says, "I want to touch people with my art. I want them to say, 'he feels deeply, he feels tenderly.'" And that's all that I can hope to

WEEKEND FORECAST weather

Information from www.weather.com

Friday: High 70, Low 51, 20 percent chance of rain
Saturday: High 66, Low 49, 30 percent chance of rain
Sunday: High 69, Low 43, 20 percent chance of rain



HOMECOMING WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, October 22

7:00 p.m. Milligan Men vs. Bethel College (TN)
Soccer Field

8:30-9:30 p.m. "Welcome Back!" Ice Cream Social
Lacy Fieldhouse

Saturday, October 23

9:00 a.m. 2nd Annual Milligan 5K Run/2.5 Walk
Start at Lacy Fieldhouse

2:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade
Blowers Blvd.

2:00 p.m. Soccer Alumni vs. JV Men and Women
Soccer Practice Field

4:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Cumberland University
Soccer Field

7:00 p.m. Milligan Men vs. Cumberland University
Soccer Field

8:00 p.m. Johnson City Symphony Orchestra concert with
alumni and Milligan College concert choir
Seeger Chapel

8:00 p.m. Coffeehouse with Alumni talent!
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do. I don't know how people will respond to my lyrics, or if they'll even care how I use the I, IV, V, and VI chords. But I'll know at the end of a show whether I connected with the people in the room or at the bar or club.

Facing the challenges of songwriting and working through the issues of who I am and how God is using me is one of the

greatest experiences of my life. As Milligan students continue on in their humanities studies and chapel services, I feel I'm learning more about humanity and God than I ever have before.

Victoria is a senior majoring in Fine Arts major with an emphasis in theater and a minor in Communications.

'Mass e-mail restriction lifted for clubs' continued from page 1

Alpine opened its doors exclusively to Milligan students, faculty and staff "to help college students out," said Alpine's store general manager, Mike Thomas.

Senior Mark Hills, whose only association with Alpine is through being a customer, advertised the sale by posting fliers, but college officials would not allow a campus-wide email to be sent because it is solicitation.

"Through all that, [the administration] made a new rule that SGA cannot sponsor solicitation," said Hills. "So is it solicitation or advertising?"

Solicitation is defined by www.dictionary.com as "to seek, to obtain by persuasion, entreaty or formal application," while advertising is defined as "a notice, such as a poster or a paid announcement in the print, broadcast, or electronic media, designed to attract public attention or patronage."

Because Kim Parker said that neither SGA nor Athletic Affairs is benefited from the sale, it was "not appropriate to use school email."

If SGA or Athletic Affairs received a portion of the profits or benefited in another way, a campus-wide email could

be sent.

Thomas, who does not consider the sale solicitation, said "We're not going to Milligan and setting up a booth."

Parker said if Milligan allows Alpine to advertise via campus-wide email without benefiting the college, Milligan will be "bombarded with companies" that want to use email to advertise.

"It's nothing against any outside organization," said Mee. "We have a no-solicitation policy on campus in general that would prevent someone from coming and trying to sell something. That policy extends to e-mail as well, so it's not strictly an email issue. We have had lots of problems with credit card companies in the past."

Officials, other than Parker, who put a stop to solicitation are Mark Fox, vice president for student development, and Mee, who also monitors campus-wide emails.

"Since I've been here, we've always had a solicitation policy," said Fox. He also stated that, had this sale occurred before the institution of the new e-mail policy, it still would not have been acceptable for distribution to the campus.

'New addition to professor's family' continued from page 1

The Farmers began a year long process on Oct. 15, 2003 of sending paper work that included original birth certificates along with other documents to Chinese Children Adoption International, an agency located in Colorado that helps families wanting to adopt Chinese children.

The Chinese government has a "very streamlined" system for adoption, explained Farmer. The process is time consuming, but it shows how careful they are because they have so many children adopted.

The government in China has a "one child only policy," and if a second is born a large tax penalty is put on the parents, Farmer said. With the threat of taxes for a second child, there are an enormous amount of orphans.

Families who have a daughter as their first born will likely try to have another baby, hoping for a boy, he said. He explained that a lot of girls who are born as the second child are orphaned because of the patriarchal society that exists. Families are looking for sons to care for the family.

"A family will publicly abandon a child because in China you can't legally put a child up for adoption," he said.

After waiting almost a year to find out the identity of their new child, the Farmers received a phone call from the

adoption agency on Sep. 8, 2004 with information about their new daughter, 15-month-old Yang Jing Lin. This day is known as "referral day," because a child has been referred to the family by the Chinese government. An email with a photo was sent, and they saw for the first time who their daughter would be.

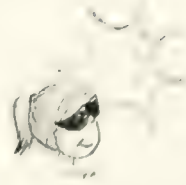
"It was an exciting day to hear about her and see the email," said Farmer, who quickly points out the photo on his desk that was sent by email that day, a photo of a tiny little girl in a red shirt named Claire.

Yang Jing Lin will soon be known as Claire Jing Lin Farmer. He said they decided to keep the name that was given to her by the orphanage as a reminder that "she's been given to us by God and by the Chinese people."

On Monday Oct. 25, known as "gotcha day" in the adoption world, Farmer and his wife will meet and hold their new baby for the first time.

"I feel blessed by Claire even though I've never met her," he said. "My heart aches just looking at pictures of her." He said that there is a picture of her on the refrigerator and every morning "Meg talks to little Claire."

According to the agency's website, CCAI has placed 5,000 Chinese children with families both in the U.S. and in other countries since 1992.



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Campus ministry holds prayer vigil

By ANNA GINDLESPIERGER
Reporter

Flickering candles gave off little light as Milligan students entered the silent SGA conference room to pray Monday evening and throughout the day Tuesday. Pillows and Bibles lay on the floor, and a few pieces of paper were scattered randomly throughout the room on which students had written their thoughts, prayers or simply a verse.

Students were requested to sign up in specific fifteen minute time slots to pray, beginning Monday evening at 9 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday. Other students signed up to work the table set outside the SGA conference room to encourage students who walked by to participate.

Despite their usual sleeping habits, several students chose to pray in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

"I think as Christians here at Milligan we have done a lot to support one side or the other in the election, but it is important not to leave God out of it," said Matthew Shedd, a freshman who chose to pray at 3 a.m. "I prayed that our church would become more active in shaping our nation in the upcoming years; that we would be united in attempting to make this country

morally sound again."

Though set on the day of the election, the prayer vigil's purpose went beyond simply praying for the country's next president.

Juniors Beth Harkey and Isaac Shade, co-chairs of Campus Ministry, along with Nathan Flora, Milligan's campus minister, stated, "On a day when people across our nation will be voting, making gestures of faith and trust in the leadership and future of this nation, we are setting aside this time on our campus to remind Christians that, regardless of if you vote or who you vote for, as Christians our gesture and act of faith is that of prayer. We are to put our trust and hope for the future in the leadership of God and the church."

The idea for this prayer vigil arose at an SGA meeting two weeks ago where students talked about ways to encourage the prayer life on campus.

"I believe that our prayer life as college students is vital and not always existent or realized as the priority that it is," said Harkey. "I think we would be surprised at the spiritual growth on campus if we are faithful in prayer, so any attempt we can make to encourage people to pray in such a way as the prayer vigil, we will make."



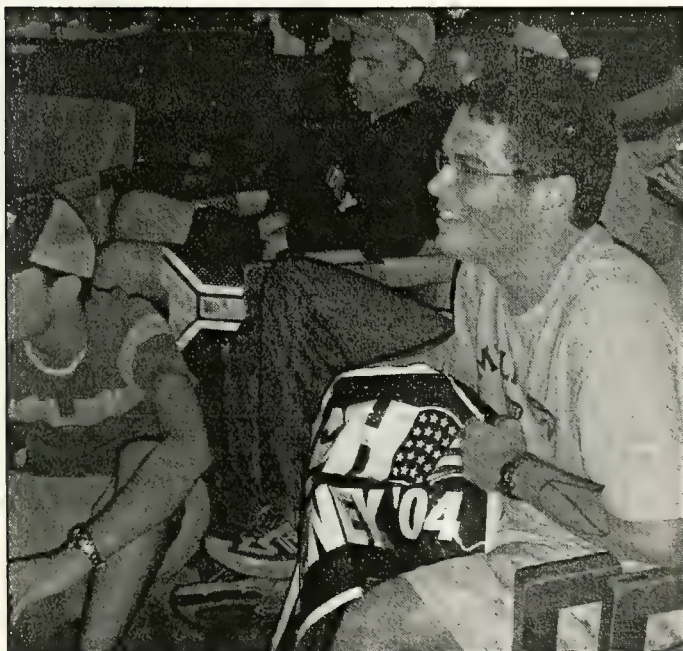
Students gathered Monday and Tuesday in the SGA conference room to pray. Students typically enter one at a time to pray. The vigil went throughout Monday night until Tuesday afternoon.

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"Although this prayer vigil falls on election day in America, I do not think that this was the motivation," said Flora. "This prayer vigil is more for the sake of spiritual discipline than for a special

purpose."

"We hope to do more [prayer vigils]," said Harkey, "and even to let other students be in charge of organizing them. We want to get more people involved."



The Christian Pre-Law Association sponsored an election party on Tuesday night in the Sub. Over free pizza, students were encouraged to cheer on their candidate while watching the results roll in.

Erin Blasinski

Faculty members cut loose for 'Footloose'

By ERIC D. BLACKBURN
Reporter

Milligan College's professor of theatre Richard Major has changed the way he is casting older adult roles. The Nov. 10-13 presentation of "Footloose" will feature not only college students but also a number of faculty and staff portraying the older adult characters.

"I wanted to allow the young people to just be and play young people," said Major. "And using older adults for the older adult roles will help make the play more believable to the audience."

Adapted from the 1984 cult classic film starring Kevin Bacon, "Footloose" tells the story of a teenage boy from a big city who moves to a small town where rock music and dancing are banned.

"'Footloose' is the classic story of teen rebellion and repression," said Major. "Many people will be able to relate. It is both contemporary and holds shared perspectives."

Major also thinks the audiences will be entertained with a song list

ranging from 1980s hit songs like "Let's Hear It for the Boy," "Almost Paradise" and the title song "Footloose."

"I find it pretty ironic that a school's theater department is putting on a song and dance musical where dance is restricted," said campus minister Nathan Flora with a laugh. "So I think Milligan students will be able to relate and appreciate its message."

Prior to the Sept. 7 auditions, Major encouraged six members of Milligan's faculty and staff to audition for the older adult roles. All made the cut and will appear in the musical: academic dean Mark Matson, history professor Tim Dillon, biology professor Gary Wallace, mathematics professor Marvin Glover, Faculty Office Building secretary Nancie Rogers and Flora.

"Dick twisted my arm," Matson said sarcastically. "I usually don't volunteer for stuff like this, but I thought it would be something fun and new to try."

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Soccer teams win on, off field

**'WE ARE
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BETTER IN
DECISION
MAKING.'**

Dave Dixon

By MANDI MOONEY
Online Managing Editor

The Milligan College men's and women's soccer teams have had successful seasons so far. Both teams hope to continue that success this weekend at the men's Athletic Appalachian Conference semifinals and the women's National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Regional semifinals.

The Lady Buffs entered into the AAC tournament last weekend seeded No. 5. After defeating No. 4 ranked King College, No. 1 seeded Covenant College (Ga.) and No. 2 Virginia Interment College, they left as the AAC Champions.

"We've played a good hard schedule," said women's head coach Dave Dixon. "We are maturing and getting better in decision making."

The winner of the men's conference tournament will be decided this weekend.

The men's team successes and attitude this season have not gone unnoticed by conference officials. In the conference results released last week, the men's team won the Character of Champions award, which is decided by the coaches.

"One of the goals we set out this year was to win the Character of Champions award," said men's head coach Marty Shirley. "We did

indeed win that out of a group of ten teams."

Several of Milligan's players have received individual goals recently. Senior Steven Townley was recognized as last week's NAIA men's soccer player of the week for leading the Buffs with six goals and one assist in three games. This week, sophomore Kristin Zutt was named the AAC and NAIA Region XII women's player of the week for contributing one goal and one assist during the conference tournament.

Senior Ali Mohamed was selected for the All-Conference first team, as well as being named the Player of the Year for the second year in a row. Senior Alex Kimani and Townley were also named to the first team. Sophomore David Lilly and freshman Kyle Wilcox were selected for the second team, and sophomores Travis Young and Caleb Bollman were both chosen to be part of the third team.

On the woman's side, senior co-captain Kim Morris and freshman Dagmar Arnardottir were selected for the All-Conference first team. Zutt was named to the second team and freshman Stephanie Junkin was added to the third team.

Along with their exceptional athletic skills, the collegiate athletes struggled to balance schoolwork with practice and games. Sophomores Caleb Bollman, Megan Elrod, Justin Fuller and Laurie Selman, junior Stuart Makinson and seniors Jackie Goncalves and Ali Mohamed were named to the All-Conference academic teams.



Andrew Stauffer

Volleyball suffers another loss

By MANDI MOONEY
Online Managing Editor

The Lady Buffs volleyball team honored their lone senior athlete during their final home game of the season Tuesday night where they came in short against King College, 0-3. The loss (29-31, 22-30, 28-30) completed their Appalachian Athletic Conference regular season play.

"We have come so far from beginning to end," senior co-captain Lindsey Wetherholt said. "Last night was a very good performance of Milligan volleyball. It will greatly prepare us for the AAC

tournament."

The team was led by freshmen as Jamie Sly supplied 33 assists and 13 digs. Amanda Hyder added 14 kills, and Alyssa Graber contributed with two aces. Sophomore Tara Earhart also helped the Lady Buffs with 15 digs.

"The freshmen have all stepped up and given their part by encouraging everyone to play their best," said Wetherholt. "Next year the team will be better than ever. By the end of the girls' senior years, they will be unstoppable after playing together for four years."

Before the game, the Lady Buffs stood together to honor Wetherholt who

transferred to Milligan at the beginning of her sophomore year.

"I have been around 14 absolutely amazing women, and it is so hard to leave them behind," said Wetherholt. "I couldn't have asked for a better senior year."

The Lady Buffs' record now stands at 10-21 for the season and 7-13 in the conference. Milligan concluded their regular season against Tusculum College last night. Results of the match were not available at *The Stamped*'s print time. The Lady Buffs will have a chance to improve their record during the conference tournament.

Small team makes tight group: Lady Buffs prepare for tough season

By ERIN BLASINSKI
Editor-in-Chief

After a chuckle and a smile, women's basketball head coach Rich Aubrey described his team with one word: female. He explained that of all the team sports he has worked with, "females are more group oriented, and I think that's one of the strengths of this year's team."

With only ten players, this year's Lady Buffs seem to be more group oriented.

"They really are focused on group success," said Aubrey. "One of the things I've said about coaching females is that when chemistry goes bad it's hard to fix, but when it's good, it can make them better than they should be, and I'm counting on that for this year's team."

Senior Ann Marie Gardner credits the good chemistry to having a small team that, through scrimmages, has come to depend on each other.

During the off-season the team worked hard and learned how to depend on each other in more ways. Aubrey hopes that the team maintains that attitude of group success because good chemistry can help raise the team to levels no one thought was achievable and "maybe to levels we don't even know about yet."

Junior Leah Seevers said that the team's unity is strong both on and off the court. One of the reasons for this unity is that everyone has the same goal of improving from the season last year and making the team better.

Senior Ginny White believes the players have the same unified mindset and goals this year in contrast to years past

when the team was more individual oriented. The goal, she said, especially for the returnees, is to make this season better.

"We know we're capable of doing better, and we want to prove to everyone we are better, and more than that we want to prove to ourselves we're better," White explained. "We want to live up to that goal because we know we're capable of that."

Even though only ten names make up this year's roster, the team has depth.

"We have great point guards, great wing players and great post players," Gardner said.

Seevers noted that the team is ten deep this year instead of previous years where the depth stopped at five or six. The depth of the team will improve both its offense and its defense.

White said that as a whole the team has improved, due in part to everyone seeking to improve their own individual play, which contributes to the team's overall play.

"Offensively, there is no question about the fact that Kari (Stout) is a weapon. She is a very good all-around player," Aubrey said. "She can shoot threes, score off the drive and set other teammates up for shots."

According to Aubrey, White is also a weapon with her three-point shooting, and inside the paint senior Lacy York "is ready to have her best season ever." He also noted that Seevers is stronger than last year, and freshman Ashley Stidham can score in the paint and will add strength and help balance the team.

"(Stidham) is a nice asset to our team," Seevers said.

Aubrey is counting on his seniors to



Kari Stout, Leah Seevers, Elizabeth Henter, and Lacy York discuss team strategy with Coach Rich Aubrey. There are only 10 players on the team this year.

Erin Blasinski

help lead the team this year. He said he is looking for Gardner to "be disruptive on the defense end" and be a strong rebounding guard.

Aubrey said the seniors will play a big role, but he hopes there are lots of leaders on the team.

"(Leadership) won't just fall on one person. Everyone is willing to step up and be a leader if they have to, everybody is prepared to fill that role," White said.

Gardner agrees that there won't just be one leader for the team, but everyone

will work together.

"We all play different roles on the team," Gardner said. "I try to set a good example, and I like to work as a motivator. I like to get people motivated. I want to win more than anything, and I hate to lose."

Aubrey said the conference this year will "be tough from top to bottom."

"We're not going to be able to take any nights off and get away with it, we're going to have to come out every night and play," he said.

Student declares voting worth wait

By LAUREN ANDERSON
Guest Columnist

Tuesday was my first time to vote, and I thought it would take forever. I arrived at Cherokee Elementary at 11:30 a.m. and had to search a long time for a place to park. There was already a lengthy line outside of the door as I approached the voting entrance. It really dampened my spirits when I found out that the line wrapped around inside as well and made me feel like I was in Disney World all over again.

At first I stood next to an interesting

older man who thought everyone should remember to vote, unless they were voting for Bush. He was very set in his ways and thought Kerry should "rule the entire world." After a while I kind of half ignored the man, and then I got a text message on my phone.

"I'm like 6 people in front of you." My fellow Milligan student Ben Farmer was also standing in line to vote. When the old man wasn't paying attention to me, I snuck up and stood in line with Farmer. At least I had a fun person to talk to while I waited. People joked about camping out for a few days, and some complained that

"back in the old days, it was never like this."

After about an hour, I told Farmer we should sing songs and get the crowd going. He didn't like the idea too much and made fun of me on my second verse of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." After being motionless for a long time - like in that R.E.M. music video - the line finally moved, and we made it inside.

My friend Kelly from ETSU waited in line for an hour, but she had to leave right before her turn because she had a class. She left in tears because she'd been looking forward to voting all day. It took a

lot longer than she thought it would.

At 1:25 it was finally my turn to vote. I handed a sweet elderly woman my voter card, and she had me sign something. I then took my new fun little slip she gave me over to a man standing in front of the 3 three voting machines they had. It took about five seconds to cast my vote, and I was done. It was my first time voting, and I'm glad I had the opportunity to do so. It was good to see that people were so optimistic about voting, even if they had to wait for long periods of time. I just hope someone comes up with a more convenient method to collect our votes.

■ Cut loose, 'Footloose' continued

"Marvin Glover is the culprit behind me getting involved," said Wallace, laughing. "He and Richard Major approached me about a part they thought I would be good at. I've never acted before, but I thought it would be fun to try something new."

Senior Crystal Van Meter pointed out that she felt the cast and crew of students almost instantly accepted the faculty as "just one of the family."

"You start to see them as real people," said senior Missie Mills. "You see a side of them that you normally wouldn't see."

Sophomore Caitlin Smith agreed. "Being in plays you get to know the other people you are working with a lot," she said. "So it is a great experience and opportunity to get to know Mark, Gary and the rest of the faculty out of a

classroom setting."

Students said they were amazed by the acting talent the faculty have demonstrated at rehearsals.

"Wallace just cracks me up with his Cowboy Bob character," said sophomore Robert Kitchens. "It's great! We all are on the same level and, as opening night gets closer, the bonds will get even closer."

Lead actor and senior Josiah Potter hopes Milligan students and people in the community will come see the play.

"It's going to be huge," said Potter. "We have a small intimate theater that fits 100 to 150. (The audience) will be able to feel the sweat dripping off the dancers' faces. And just the quality and time put into this production hopefully will show everyone what Milligan theater is capable of."

'Decision 2004' gives student new perspective

By STEPHANIE HON
Guest Columnist

Ohio. What a night. Early November here in 2004. I am never gonna be the same. What a country, what a night. Thanks to Frankie Valli, I have lyrics to sing about my emotions on Tuesday night.

First of all, I would like to point out that I am not a very political person. I am tempted to never argue with people about opinions, because there is no "right" answer to them! Everyone thinks their opinion is the best and the most correct, but they are still opinions.

As I sat in a friend's room and watched the map of the country with the electoral votes being projected by state, I began to wonder who would win. I thought about the topics at hand: modifying the ideals of marriage, making abortion illegal, supporting or refuting the war in the East, raising taxes and the ever increasing strain on social security. For the first time this election year, I took off my youth-tainted glasses to see the world from others' points of view. I understood that topics that I am not concerned with today, at the age of twenty, concern many other voters, and I found a new respect for that.

I also found a new pair of glasses to wear. I would venture to call them "people lenses." I vow to try and see everything through my perspective and the perspectives of others. I will now try my hardest to see people for who they are and what they mean to me, instead of seeing a political party affiliation.

Watching the votes being tabulated that night allowed me to see history in the making, and for that, I am eternally grateful because one day I will bore my grandchildren with the story of how I sat in a friend's room and saw all of this unfolding.

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Need a job? Read a book

BY STEVE BURWICK
Reporter

"Whistle While You Work." "Courage and Calling." "Do What You Love and the Money Will Follow." Do these sound like books you might want to read?

The Institute for Servant Leadership at Milligan College is developing a library to help students discover their calling in life.

"We probably have about 130 volumes right now, of career-related and calling-related information," said ISL Director Beth Anderson.

The library was created through a grant from the Lilly Endowment, an Indianapolis-based, private foundation created in 1937 by members of the Lilly family. J.K. Lilly Sr. and his sons J.K. Jr. and Eli began the endowment through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company, to support the causes of religion, education and community.

According to Anderson, Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation, the managing arm of the Lilly Endowment, provides a bibliography for all 88 schools that are benefited by the program. Anderson chose items from the list to begin the library.

"This is the first order we did," she said, pointing to

a bookshelf on the wall, "and we've spent about \$1200 thus far. About \$13,000 is available over the life of the grant."

Anderson said she initially ordered about 100 volumes, and that Traci Smith, Milligan's College's director of student success, is adding to the list.

"My focus has been on books that are career-oriented," Smith said. "One of the things I'm excited about is 'What Can I Do with a Major In...,' a book by Lawrence and Anita Malnig. We're trying to augment our career resources, as well as provide job opportunities."

"We have books that tell you about internships, testing and scholarships," Anderson said. "If people are interested in small group studies or Bible studies, those reference materials are available."

Anderson mentioned various ways of promoting the library, such as discussing resources with the resident chaplains during monthly meetings, a student-initiated book club or featured book of the month.

"Traci will feature some of the books in her online newsletter, The Loop," she said. "Nancy Renfro is an excellent reference librarian for us. She also knew several of the titles. We tried not to duplicate what's in the (Welshimer) library, but if it's such a good book, it's good

to have it easily accessible."

Books featured in the ISL library include "The Call" by Os Guinness, "The Other Six Days" by R. Paul Stevens and "Whistle While You Work" by Richard Leider and David Shapiro.

"We are trying to identify a campus-wide text that all the freshmen can read before they come to Milligan," Anderson said. "'Roaring Lambs' by Bob Briner would be a good one. The book they're using now in the college and calling class is 'The Scandal of Service' by Jean Vanier."

Anderson said that one thing she has learned from hearing academic dean Mark Matson and other speakers in the class is that "making a decision about your calling should be made in a Christian community. It should not be something that's done individually, in isolation."

Matson stressed, during the keynote address at the sophomore retreat earlier this year, that students should seek feedback on their ideas for their college major, career goals and life direction.

Resources are available at the ISL library for helping students make informed decisions about their career and calling in life.

"The best way for students to find out what's here is to stop and take a look," Anderson said.

New demands for Institute for Servant Leadership stipends

BY DEKE BOWMAN
Reporter

Students looking to receive an Institute for Servant Leadership internship, designed to offer a stipend to those working for a not-for-profit organization, face different requirements than those awarded in previous semesters.

Because of the increased number of applicants over the last year, the Institute and the steering committee have made changes to give students the best opportunities and place them in appropriate agencies, according to Beth Anderson, director of ISL.

"This past year was the first year for awarding the Lilly intern stipends, and most were given to students who did their internships this summer," said Milligan College President Don Jeanes. "The steering committee that awards these stipends will be meeting in a few weeks, and we will likely evaluate the program."

The steering committee includes the vice presidents of the college, professor of chemistry Dr. Richard Lura, Jeanes and Anderson.

The rubric includes questions concerning faculty approval, the quality of the recommendation from the agency, a paragraph stating goals, a description of financial need and whether the agency is a church or not-for-profit.

There are still aspects that need changing, such as a line asking if the "internship placement is an innovative exploration of vocation." Anderson said she thinks that particular line needs to be

defined.

Another line that needs changing, according to Anderson, is whether an internship focus is on professional ministry.

"I think our job is to help students expand where they think about internship placement," said Anderson. While there have been students from several majors apply, the two largest majors, business and communications, haven't had any students explore this opportunity.

The final area that Anderson said needs reconsideration is the line asking the strength of the student's academic standing, which she believes is too weighted within the rubric.

"We like to see the GPA at 3.0 or above. However, that is not the only determining factor, but GPA is considered in the overall picture," said Anderson.

The new criteria demands more accountability for the recipients after they complete their internships. After returning to school, students will participate in a reflective meeting to discuss the internships, the experiences and how to improve while bringing that reality to the campus. This is in addition to checks made by Anderson or a faculty advisor.

The criteria for the first term of applications was different than what exists today. Only four of six applications were accepted in the first term. Two were not accepted because they applied to be at the same location as two of those that were accepted. Anderson said that the committee chose the best possible candidate for the location and the situation at the

time.

Ten people applied for the second term that included summer and fall internships. Of those 10 applications, six were awarded. After awarding the grants, Anderson created a rubric that included certain criteria pertaining to not-for-profit internships that the committee filled out. Anderson did not collect those but said they were a tool for the steering committee to make decisions on who to select for the awards.

Previous interns just had to report to Anderson on an occasional basis.

"I had to keep track of my hours and state what I did for the internship and

report them periodically to Beth Anderson," said junior Peter Thomas who created a website for the Elizabethton Children's Home this spring.

The stipend offers students opportunities that are often overlooked because of financial needs. The institute's goal is to remove the limitations of pay and ask what a student would like to do while encountering the true vocational goals of the applicants.

"My life was deeply impacted by the experience the stipend helped to provide, and a significant impact was made on the church in Kenya," said senior Travis Weeks, who worked there for eight weeks.

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Temporary habitat for Habitat

By ERIN BLASINSKI
Editor-in-Chief

For 134 consecutive hours, 17 Milligan students have been experiencing poverty and homelessness. A six-foot long cardboard box covered with a blue tarp roof located on the edge of the Mary Sword Commons near the science and communications buildings became their habitat.

Milligan's Habitat for Humanity group began the "Sleep-Out Experience" fundraiser Saturday and will continue through tomorrow. A member of Habitat has occupied the box 24 hours a day.

"It is an event to raise awareness of poverty housing, which is what Habitat devotes its time to fix," stated an email sent to the Milligan community last week.

Senior Adrienne Sutphin, president of Milligan's chapter of Habitat, said that when the idea first came up to sleep in a cardboard box Habitat members were excited and willing to help. Around campus, however, there was not "a great deal of excitement," and there were a lot of skeptics.

"During the week before the sleep-out the campus was beginning to get more interested and we received more questions," Sutphin said. "Currently, there seems to be a great deal of interest and awe."

Dr. John Paul Abner walked by the box and chatted with junior Christi Bothwell on Wednesday morning.

"The experience of being different is

a good experience to have," said Abner when he talked about the impact of the fundraiser.

Students, faculty and staff were asked to sponsor Habitat members and donate money for the amount of time the person spent in the box. Sutphin estimates that approximately 50 people sponsored Habitat members during the week long experience. Because money is still coming in from sponsors, Sutphin said she expects the fundraiser to bring in about \$400.

After spending a night in the box, Sutphin said the experience gave her more compassion for those who have no choice where they sleep at night.

"After spending a freezing night in the box...I was just hit with how real this is, and it isn't just an idea, it is some people's lives," Sutphin said.

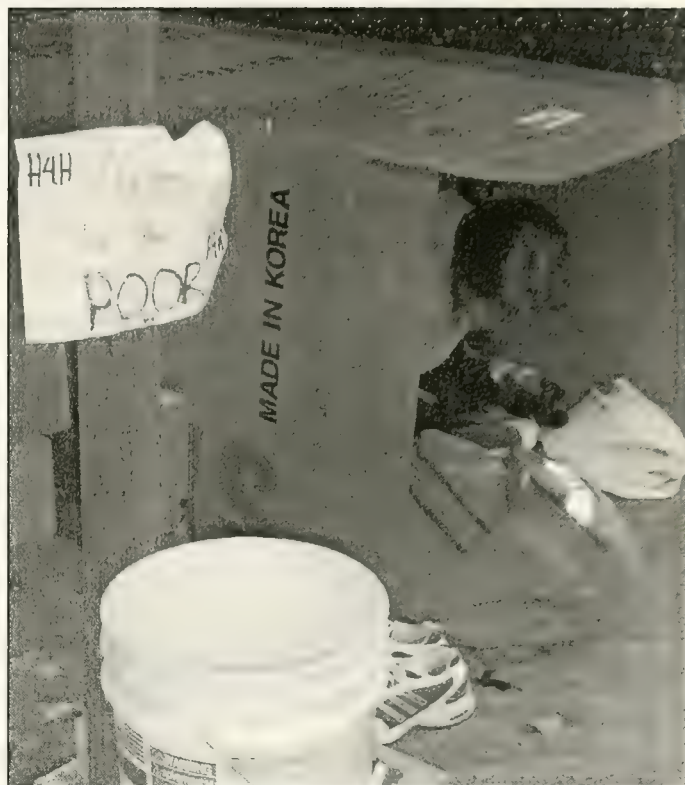
Bothwell said that sleeping in a box gives a person an experience of what it is like to be homeless, and as people walk by it makes them more aware of homelessness.

Junior Melissa Rollston, fundraising chair for Milligan's Habitat, spent a total of 10 hours in the box and said the experience has "been good."

Rollston said that having the box on campus is making everyone more aware of poverty.

"I think this is opening eyes, and hopefully the hearts, of people in the Milligan community," said Sutphin.

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Junior Melissa Rollston awakes after taking a short nap between classes on Tuesday in Habitat for Humanity's new habitat. Students, faculty and staff can support the group by dropping donations in the buckets outside the box.

Erin Blasinski

Unidentified thieves raid bookstore

By MEGAN ALLEN
Reporter

Milligan College students, suspected of stealing a mounted buffalo head worth \$1,500 to \$2,000 from the college bookstore during the weekend of Nov. 5, have not been identified.

"I would like to see anyone involved in this incident

no later than noon on Monday, November 15," stated a campus-wide e-mail sent on Nov. 10 by Mark Fox, vice president for student development, who called the incident a "prank gone bad."

As of late Monday afternoon, no one had turned in any information to Fox pertaining to this incident.

If the thieves had turned themselves in by the deadline, Fox said, "They would have been prosecuted internally, not legally."

A police report was filed with the Elizabethton Police Department when the incident occurred, but an investigation has not begun. Fox wanted to give the culprits a chance to surrender before the police became involved.

Since no one has produced any information about the missing head, the police will now investigate the matter.

An \$800 keyboard was also damaged during the

incident, which Fox said will be replaced by the thieves if they are identified. If no thieves are identified, Fox said it will be replaced using money from the "general operating fund, which means every student will be paying for it."

According to Jack Presnell, manager of bookstore operations, the thieves are suspected of entering the bookstore through the ceiling because of dust particles that were on the floor beneath a ceiling panel that was out of place.

Junior Richard Greatti, bookstore student worker, said that other than the missing buffalo head and damage to the ceiling and keyboard, nothing else was stolen or damaged.

Security patrols the campus 24 hours a day. However, Fox said he does not know where security was when the incident occurred.

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Study abroad interest increases: 10 students next semester

By CLAIRE MILLER
Reporter

At the beginning of every episode of "Star Trek: The Next Generation," Patrick Stewart would say that the mission of the U. S. S. Enterprise was to "boldly go where no one has gone before."

It might not be outer space, but more Milligan students are heading for new territory.

According to Mark Matson, dean of academic

affairs, approximately 10 students plan to study abroad next semester. This number far exceeds Milligan's 1 to 2 student average.

Senior Katurah Leonard said that this year's study abroad convocation was one reason she applied. "They kind of got me hyped up about it," she said.

Leonard will be studying at the Contemporary Music Center in Martha's Vineyard, Mass. "Basically," she said, "it's just taking a step toward my dream of singing."

Junior Kaci Campbell will spend her spring semester at the Wesley Institute in Sydney, Australia.

"I am very excited about working on my photography directed study in Sydney and also taking a photography class at Wesley," said Campbell, who also looks forward to living in a cosmopolitan area.

Junior Lindsey Vogt will be studying in Washington, D.C. this upcoming spring.

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Dodgeball not only for kids

"It's EXCITING...TO
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Deke Bowman



Students race past each other during Wednesday night's dodgeball game to avoid getting hit.
Andrew Stauffer

By RICHARD GREATTI
Reporter

Dodgeball. The favorite — or not — of elementary school yards across America. The salvation of the little guys who always got picked last in football. It's always been a favorite for many kids.

Thanks to intramural director Tae Norwood, this once reminiscent game became available as an intramural on Nov. 7.

"The idea originally arose from watching the movie 'Dodgeball,' which aired a couple of months ago," Norwood said. "[I also recall] my experiences as a

youth— I can honestly remember having some great times playing dodgeball both individually and in a team setting."

Each team consists of six to 10 players, a minimum of six on the court, with one female required to participate at all times. The games take place in the field house on the gym floor which will be divided in half, using the already existent basketball and volleyball markings. Two rubber kick balls, roughly the size of soccer balls, are used as the players' equipment.

"It's exciting to get together with other students and enjoy a 'friendly' game that we all loved throughout our

elementary years," Deke Bowman said.

Norwood has recently joined the staff at Milligan this year and is also the assistant basketball coach and assistant Resident Director for Webb Hall. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Green Mountain College in 2000 and a master's degree from Georgia Southern University in 2004.

In the future, he plans on developing as many new ideas for intramurals as will be accepted and enjoyed by the students. According to Norwood, some of the new intramural ideas will include paintball, billiards tournament and a bowling tournament.

Basketball team looks for conference crown this season

By RANDALL MOORE
Reporter

As coach Tony Wallingford begins another season at the helm of the Buffaloes, he once again is starting over from scratch. Only four players, seniors Craig Emmert from Cass City, Mich.; Todd Davis from Corbin, Ky.; Jordan Simmons from Erwin, Tenn.; and junior Nate Tinch from Jacksonville, Fla., return from last year's 15-17 season.

"We are counting on (the seniors) right now for leadership both on the floor

and off," said Wallingford. "We are counting very heavily on those guys right now really to lead, direct and motivate this group."

This year's team success will be based on the play of newcomers from around the country. Tentatively set as starters for the season, besides Emmert, are freshmen Yony Kifle from Grundy, Va.; Harvey Bell from Spartanburg, S.C.; Anthony Wilhelm from Petoskey, Mich.; and sophomore Nick Tuggle from Memphis, Tenn.

"I feel like our team is slowly starting to come together as one unit," said Emmert. "They are learning about the team concept and are starting to gel."

Key backups for the season are Tinch, Davis, freshman point guard Joe Brown from Blountville, Tenn. and freshman guard Adam Hughes from Bluff City, Tenn.

Currently, the Buffaloes are 3-0 with victories over Cincinnati Christian, Ohio State-Newark, and Ohio State-Marion. They open AAC conference play with a

game at Alice Lloyd on Tuesday and a game at Union on Saturday. The Buffaloes then play their first of two games against Division I-A competition when they travel to Spartanburg, South Carolina for a game against Wofford.

The AAC conference is wide open this year as the Buffaloes were picked to finish fourth in the preseason poll behind Union, Bluefield and King. Brown, however, feels like this year's additions could be to Milligan's advantage.

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Students team up to announce basketball games over the radio

By ANNA GINDLESERGER
Reporter

A fresh set of voices has reached the airwaves to announce the Milligan basketball games this season.

Sophomores Andy Chrisman and Brett Seybert have joined with senior Chris Gambill to announce the

basketball games live over Milligan's radio station this year, replacing the announcers who graduated in May.

"We had students broadcast the games last year, Anthony Dunning's Game Day Crew, so I am extremely excited that we have another group willing to put in the time and effort to make it happen again this year," said Carrie Swanay, associate professor of communications and faculty advisor for the radio

station. "It certainly isn't an easy task to pull off therefore it really takes a crew dedicated to making it happen."

Seybert and Gambill will offer commentary and analysis while Chrisman does the play-by-play.

Calling play-by-play action will be challenging for Chrisman, who played baseball in high school but has had little formal experience with the game of basketball. However, he is more than willing to meet that challenge, feeling he

has "been preparing for this [his] whole life."

Swanay said that since they have not had an experience previously, so "there is nothing like hitting the ground running."

Chrisman said that he has always dreamed of being a play-by-play announcer since he was young.

"I used to drive my parents crazy playing video games and doing the play-by-play," he said.

Chrisman, a University of Tennessee fan, wishes to imitate the announcing style of John Ward, the "Voice of the Vols."

Chrisman looks forward to working with Seybert who "has been an excellent analyst and has provided very good insight during the games."

They, along with Gambill, will be broadcasting all of Milligan's home basketball games this season with the exception of a couple dates in the spring that conflict with baseball games.

"We are very excited to have this opportunity," says Chrisman. "It really is a lot of fun to do."

90.5 station manager Mike Hewitt said the guys have done a good job and have been pretty professional.

"We're glad to have people who are willing to get the games on the air for people who can't get down to the fieldhouse," Hewitt said.



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Call center dials dividends for college

By RICHARD GREATTI
Reporter

Milligan College has gained money and students in the last two years and much of the credit goes to the call center that was launched in August 2003.

In the past year alone, applications are up 19 percent from the year before, alumni giving has increased from 27 to 35 percent participation and the annual phone-a-thon drew pledges of \$120,000.

"For admissions, the call center has helped us identify those students who are most interested in Milligan, and in turn has helped increase the number of applications," Vice President for Enrollment Management David Mee wrote in an e-mail.

The call center's purpose is not only to raise funds but also to cultivate relationships with the college's

alumni and friends. According to the alumni relations office, annual giving is up to 35 percent.

The cost of operating the call center is underwritten by a grant from the Jesse Ball DuPont Fund received in spring 2003.

"The only expense to the college is for work-study (for the student callers). All the technology, furniture, came from the grant," said Mee.

Marketing assistant and call center manager Autumn Hamby was hired in June 2003 and appointed to oversee the call center. She is in charge of all center student workers. The call center is also a source of jobs outside of Milligan's work-study program. "Callers are not required to have work-study eligibility," said Hamby.

To encourage student callers to reach their phone-a-thon goal, incentives such as weekly prizes and

end of semester dinners, are offered.

"[The incentives] are very much appreciated. It's nice having something extra to look forward to," said Kelly Becker, a senior worker from Indianapolis.

During Hamby's time at Milligan, her favorite part of managing the call center is the talented and devoted group of student callers she gets the chance to work with daily.

"I have enjoyed managing the call center," said Hamby. "It is challenging, but it is very satisfying to see the positive impacts the call center has made at Milligan College."

"We feel very blessed to have a call center and are grateful for the grant that allowed us to acquire this technology," Mee said. "Many colleges of Milligan's size are still making mass phone calls using standard phones and printouts."

New improvements in library creates more study space for students

By THAMEENA J. GITURWA
Reporter

Library officials have altered the P.H. Welshimer Memorial library to accommodate the needs of students by moving close to 60,000 books and installing new, movable shelves on the basement floor of the three-story building.

According to Steve Preston, director of library services, the shift of two-thirds of the book collection on the second floor of the Welshimer Library is now complete.

The project began last year with the library's goal of providing more space for students to study as well, as granting them a more comfortable setting.

Academic Dean Mark Matson approved funding of the project which arranged for new tables and chairs to be placed in the space gained from the move. Matson was unavailable for comment.

On the 2nd floor the books were cleared from two of the small rooms and made small study spaces out of them by replacing the books with some of the new tables and chairs.

The chairs have oak frames, padded seats and fabric cushioned backs which students can lean back on without the worry of flipping. The tables are clear finished oak and, according to Preston, have a nice appearance.

Sophomore Kate Oechler, library student worker, helped move books from the second floor to the basement when the project started.

"The extra room is wonderful upstairs," she said. "There are study rooms off the main floors now that give students more privacy to work individually and together."

The installation of compact moveable shelves, known as the "domino effect," in the basement added growth room for lending books.

According to Preston, the space gained on most shelves in

the lending collection will accommodate acquisitions over the next few years.

The library has been short of shelf space for many years that, as shelving was added, any open study area was squeezed out, but a few sections of shelves have been removed during the project that opened up spots around large study tables, making it less crowded.

"The space increase has made more private places available for use, which will give students a place to study with little or no interruptions," Oechler said. "The basement also has plenty of room for students to find a quiet place."

Besides thanking Oechler, Preston expressed gratitude to Matt Buddenborg, Kristen Mitchell, Jill Miller, Monica Sharpe, Jeff Harbin, Amber Saferight and Hannah Bader for "a job well done" in their assistance in moving books.

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Mountain States Health Alliance votes in confidence of Milligan's nursing program

By ERIC D. BLACKBURN
Reporter

Mountain States Health Alliance will partner with Milligan College's nursing program and donate a seven year, \$11 million grant in order to fill the nursing shortage in Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky and North Carolina.

"There will be a severe nursing shortage developing over the next 15 years as the Baby Boomer generation becomes elderly and begins to consume large amounts of healthcare associated with an aging population," said MSHA president and CEO Dennis Vonderfecht.

With the shortage in the Tri-Cities area, the 16-member board of directors voted unanimously in late October in favor of supporting a partnership with Milligan's plan of not only increasing the number of nursing students but

encouraging them to remain in the area and work at a MSHA hospital upon graduation.

"MSHA is committed to positively impact the supply of nurses within our region," said Vonderfecht in his Nov. 9 press release.

The grant is available to those students pursuing a bachelor's in nursing. Any recipient that receives the grant must agree upon graduation to work in a MSHA hospital, at full pay and benefits as a registered nurse, for three years.

"The \$11 million gift has come at a time that our nursing program is experiencing tremendous growth," said Milligan's director and associate professor of nursing Melinda Collins. "Our nation and community is in critical need of registered nurses."

According to Collins, college

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Melinda Collins

president Donald Jeanes was instrumental in presenting the proposed plan for the nursing grant.

"President Jeanes presented a great plan," said Ed Herbert, MSHA vice president of marketing. "All (Milligan) lacked was a financial partnership, and MSHA was able to provide that."

MSHA has had a long-standing relationship with the college's nursing program. In the past the company has donated equipment to the nursing labs, provided other scholarships and employed Milligan graduates.

'Basketball team looks for conference crown' continued

"I expect the team to perform well based on our age and the way the rest of the league looks at us," said Brown.

"I don't think the other teams are taking us seriously as evidenced by the preseason AAC poll."

The Buffaloes have the look of a conference contender this year, based on a game closing 46-6 run against Ohio State-Marion that turned a 44-41 close game into a 90-47 blowout. The team also had 32 assists in the 94-71 victory over Ohio State-Newark.

The Buffs are sure to be rocking the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse this season as they look toward the conference title.

Randall Moore is a manager for the basketball team



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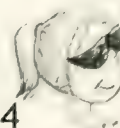
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LINC to sponsor Salvation Army Angel Tree

By BRIAN ROSSEN
Reporter

LINC will team up with the Johnson City division of the Salvation Army this holiday season, providing Milligan students the opportunity to buy gifts for area children and seniors through the Angel Tree adoption program.

"It's a good opportunity for students to help those less fortunate in our community so they can have something for Christmas," said LINC representative Jessica Carver.

Students will be able to sign up to sponsor a child, from newborn to 16 years old, or a senior citizen, over age 55, starting Nov. 29 at the LINC office and in the cafeteria.

LINC's goal is to get every group of individuals on campus to take part in the Angel Tree program.

Those sponsoring an angel will receive a card from the Christmas tree with their

person's age, gender and clothing size. Gifts must be turned in to the LINC office by Dec. 14.

The purpose of the Salvation Army Angel Tree, not to be confused with the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree, is to provide children and seniors from low income families and/or living situations with food, clothing and toys during the holiday season.

This is the first time in three years that LINC has sponsored the program.

"LINC's purpose is to link Milligan to the community," said Amanda Ruble, liaison for LINC. She said they decided to partner with the Angel Tree program to focus on the needs of the Johnson City community and to provide a happier holiday season for some children who otherwise might not receive any gifts.

"The purpose of the Angel Tree is to lift the lowly in the community and to give them something to celebrate about," said LINC representative Josh Kaminsky. "And also to show Christ's love in a way."

■ 'Study abroad' continued

"In my case I am not studying abroad, just studying away," Vogt said. "I have always loved the Washington, D.C. area, and when I discovered that the Public Leadership and Service major offered a track in which a semester study in D.C. was required, I knew that I wanted to go."

While in D.C. Vogt will take classes as part of the American Studies Program though the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities and work as a part-time intern.

The study abroad program has been promoted through convocation, posters and e-mails. Matson said the convocation was held because he felt that many students were not aware of study abroad opportunities.

Although Milligan loses tuition money while students are away, Matson says the college encourages participation in the programs for other reasons. "Students will gain a lot of cross-cultural experience and a deepened sense of commitment to their academics and their sense of who they are," he said.

This is part of what Leonard hopes will happen. "I think it'll be good just to get out of my comfort zone," she said.

Campbell said that while she will miss interacting with other Milligan students, she loves the challenges of a new environment. "I know that God will use this to stretch me in some amazing ways," she said.

Milligan coordinates study abroad programs with the CCCU. This year four students will go to Costa Rica, one to China, two to Washington, D.C., two to Martha's Vineyard and one to Australia. According to Matson, students can also study through pre-approved programs if the credits transfer to Milligan. The deadline for spring 2005 applications has passed.

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Information provided by Academic Dean Mark Matson

■ 'Temporary habitat' continued

"We just wanted people to see and feel how real poverty is and how close it is to us," Sutphin said.

Sophomore Trisha Hill found out for herself what 24 hours of sleeping in a box felt like and what it was like to be homeless. From Wednesday at 7 p.m. until Thursday at 7 p.m. Hill found her new habitat both "interesting and thought provoking."

Most have come away realizing that this isn't just a camping experience, but it is something that will open your eyes. I just hope that now when they see someone standing on a street corner holding a sign "will work for food" they will think twice before judging.

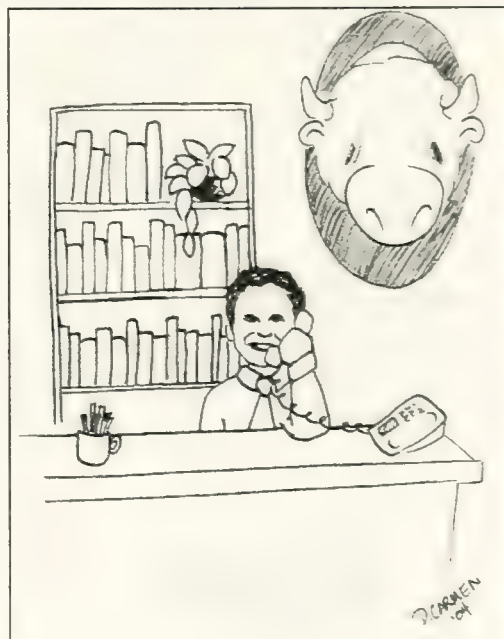
This is Habitat's second year as an official campus chapter through Habitat for Humanity International. The group has been on campus for three years but became official last year.

■ 'Unidentified Thieves' continued

Fox said security procedures may change, such as buildings being locked earlier.

The head is of a real buffalo, which was mounted on the wall behind the cash register. Presnell, who discovered the damage Monday morning, estimated that the head protrudes 18 inches from the wall and weighs at least 80 pounds.

Jonathan Robinson, Presnell's predecessor in the bookstore, said the buffalo head had been mounted in the bookstore for about 10 years, and before that it was located in the science building.



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Fitness center to receive major renovation

By MANDI MOONEY
Online Managing Editor

In a joint effort, the Student Government Association and the Parent Council hope to raise \$16,000 to buy new cardiovascular equipment and renovate the fitness center in the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse.

"We are in dire need of good cardio equipment," said SGA President Rachel Cunningham. "It is not good for the students, and it also does not look good to visitors that we don't have any (equipment)."

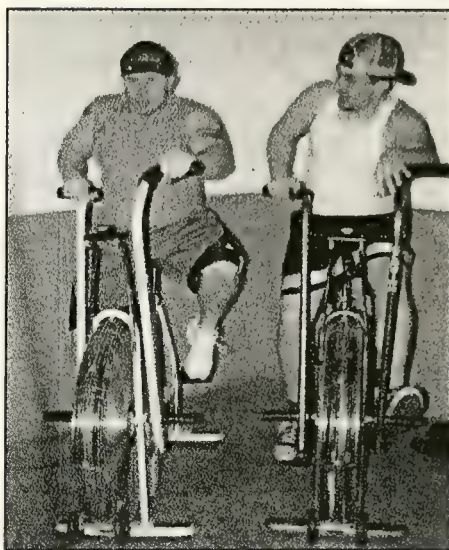
Currently, much of the fitness equipment in the fieldhouse is either out of date or broken. Junior Abby Conley, who frequently works out in the fitness center, stated that the bikes are the only working pieces of equipment.

According to vice president for student development Mark Fox, the administration is looking at commercial grade cardiovascular equipment such as recumbent bikes that recline and offer more back support. Upright bikes that can provide more of an intense workout and elliptical trainers that combine stair climbing with skiing movements to provide a balanced exercise for the arms and legs are also being considered.

"It is an important project because the students are requesting improvements, and this could be an important aspect of developing healthy lifestyles," said Fox. "We estimate that the total project cost will be \$16,000."

Cunningham, who recently won the Founder's Award, decided to contribute the money she was presented to help purchase new equipment.

"I got a few hundred dollars for the Founder's Award and decided to use in this capacity," said Cunningham. "It was a project with which I could see substantial progress while my class is still here on campus, rather than something that will happen three years from now."



Seniors Troy Childress and Robbie Shreffler ride the exercise bikes in the gym. Milligan hopes to raise \$16,000 to buy new fitness equipment.
Erin Blasinski

After Cunningham and SGA expressed interest in the project, the Parent Council decided to help raise funds.

"One of the purposes of the Parent Council is to enhance student life at Milligan, so we have been considering different ways to do this," said Kevin Harkey, assistant to President Don Jeanes. Harkey is working with the Parent Council and Cunningham on this project. "This project is appealing, too, because it would have a concrete

and immediate impact on student life."

The Parent Council plans to send mass mailings to parents to make them aware of the plan and ask for donations to the project.

"We are, of course, being very sensitive about a fundraising project with our parents, who have significant college expenses to deal with," said Harkey. "We believe that everyone would like to know about (the fund raising)."

Although there is no exact date for when fund raising will begin or when the equipment will be purchased, Cunningham hopes it will happen during the 2005 spring semester.

"What (Milligan) has, as far as the equipment, is good but a lot of it is in disrepair," said Conley. "(Raising money) is definitely going to fix that. It would be really exciting to have a treadmill."

Students and faculty have expressed concern about the equipment for several years, which they say, is inadequate and often broken.

"The NordicTrac machine in the corner has been broken since I came to Milligan as a freshman," said Conley.

In the spring semester of 2003, the alumni office and Social Affairs joined together in a matching grant program to renovate the center because they considered it to be the area on campus that needed the most improvement.

During the matching program, students were asked to donate money which the alumni office would then match up to \$1,000. The student body raised only \$200, for a total of \$400. Despite the small amount, old equipment was removed and broken machines were fixed during the 2003 summer break.

Milligan plans Financial Aid-Student Accounts merge

By ERIC D BLACKBURN
Reporter

Milligan College students may not have to worry about the stresses of being transferred back and forth on financial aid and student account issues any longer. While no firm plans have been made, President Don Jeanes and his cabinet are working with various offices and individuals on campus to combine the services of financial aid and student accounts into a single operation.

"We are always looking for ways to improve the way we service students," said Associate Vice President for Business and Finance Chris Rolph. "The interest has grown nationally to consider a move to this model, and we felt it was important for Milligan to consider this opportunity."

The plan anticipates that, along with what officials working on the project call the "streamlining process," each student will be assigned to a student financial service counselor who will work alongside the parents and student from pre-enrollment to graduation on

financial and billing issues.

Director of student financial services Becky Brewster said a majority of students and parents are already under the assumption that financial aid and student accounts are one in the same.

"It is sometimes confusing for parents and students to be transferred between departments," said Brewster. When the departments combine communication and resources will be more effective for parents and students.

"The combining of financial aid and student accounts department gets at the heart of this new approach," said Rolph. "It will help students streamline their financial aid application and account payments."

According to Rolph, when a decision is made on the specifics of the merge, existing budgets and resources will be considered by Jeanes and his cabinet for a long-term financial benefit for the college.

The plan will also include adjustments on the physical layout of McCown Cottage, based on its operations. Rolph will be named supervisor of student

financial services and Brewster will hold the title of director of student financial services. Although roles and duties will change among current staff, according to Rolph the college does not anticipate hiring anyone one else outside of the college.

"We have a strong staff committed to doing whatever is necessary to ensure that we are meeting the needs of students," said Rolph.

According to Rolph, consideration for the merge began about a year ago when the college decided to take a "more serious look" at the trend developing in higher education.

Jeanes and his cabinet have consulted with various other colleges, particularly those who share a similar mission, size and overall scope of operations to Milligan.

"We anticipated that a number of those institutions would probably make the transition within the next five years," said Rolph. "We decided that with much careful planning we should be able to provide this unified service much sooner."

Students respond to housing policy

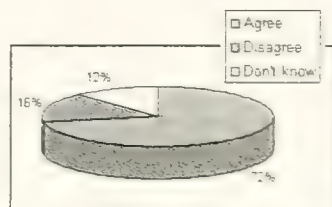
By MANDI MOONEY
Online Managing Editor

While half of the 102 students surveyed last week agree or strongly agree that Milligan's current housing policy fosters a community spirit on campus, seven out of 10 think that students should

have the option of choosing to live off campus, according to the results of a survey given as part of a class project in Comm 331: Specialty Reporting and in conjunction with The Stampede.

Students were asked to respond to the statement: "The current policy fosters a

community spirit." The survey results showed that 48 percent agreed with the statement. Students were also asked if they believe that students should have the option of living off campus.



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Steve Burwick

Adoption: Success for Farmer Family

BY ERIN BLASINSKI
Editor-in-Chief

It's bath time at the Farmer house, and a petite 15-month-old little girl is running around the upstairs in hot pink shoes, a diaper and a bib while her mom is checking the water temperature. With a grin that stretched across her face and a few teeth to fill in the smile, Claire Farmer soon found herself in soapy water with colored fish floating all around her.

After the bath, fuzzy pink pajamas with booties were slipped on and we quickly found ourselves downstairs with the toys. A Barney bus, a xylophone and shaped blocks were soon spread out in the floor.

The toys lost their appeal as soon as the door opened and dad walked through. With a doll in hand and a smile on her face, Claire ran to her daddy who picked her up and immediately sat on the couch to exchange kisses.

"I haven't seen you all day," said a smiling Craig to his daughter as he held her in the air and then lowered her to his chest.

Where it all began

"We had a sense that our family was not complete, somehow, and I don't know where that (sense) came from but it was real," Craig said, adding that he's always longed for a daughter.

Meg, his wife, agreed that there was a desire to have a daughter and said the only explanation is "it was placed in our hearts by God."

The Farmers began considering adoption about two years ago. Meg recalled her husband mentioning adoption, and the thought of it scared her. As a pediatrician, she said she had witnessed cases that did not turn out well.

"I was a little reluctant initially, just for about a day or two," said Meg. "Once I sort of leapt over a barrier ... I was fine with the whole thing."

The Farmers decided to adopt an Asian child for a few reasons. Craig grew up in eastern countries like Indonesia and Korea, and he said that part of the world has a "grip" on him.

Because he comes from a multi-ethnic family with two younger siblings who were adopted, the idea of a multi-ethnic family "seemed natural."

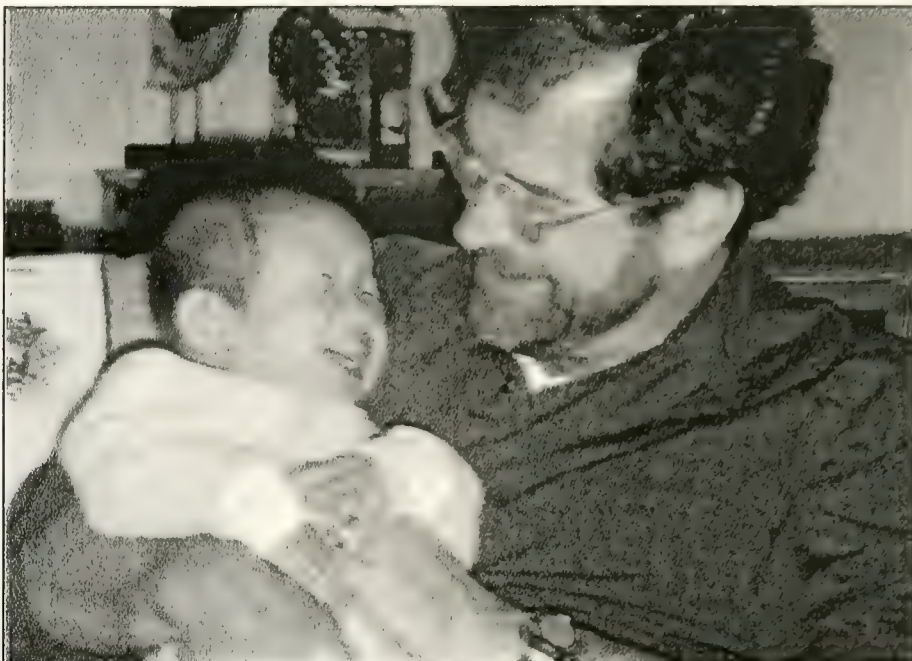
Another reason for an Asian adoption is that after leading a group of Milligan students to China for a medical and educational trip three years ago, Craig remembers that he fell in love with the kids. He hadn't thought about adoption at that point but there were photos of the kids around his house once they returned.

He said when they started to "look seriously" into adopting a child their minds went back to China.

On Oct. 15, 2003, the Farmers began a year long process of sending paper work to Chinese Children Adoption International, an agency located in Colorado that assists families in adopting Chinese children.

Love at first sight

After waiting almost a year to find out the identity of their new child, Meg received a phone call at work from the adoption agency on Sep. 8, 2004 with information about their daughter, 15-month-old Yang Jing Lin.



Claire Jing Lin Farmer giggles as her dad, Dr. Craig Farmer, tickles her. Farmer and his wife Meg traveled to China in October and picked up their daughter.

Erin Blasinski

Meg remembers crying and trying to write down what the lady on the phone was telling her about Claire.

This day is known as 'referral day,' because a child has been referred to the family by the Chinese government. An email with a photo was sent, and they saw for the first time who their daughter would be.

Although he did not receive the phone call, Craig saw his daughter for the first time and then tried to describe her to Meg, who was on the phone without access to a computer.

"I opened up the email and there was Claire," he said. "I was kind of stunned. Meg kept saying 'Is she beautiful? Is she beautiful?' And I said yeah she is, but I didn't know how to describe her."

Six weeks passed between the time they saw the photo and the day they left for China.

"I was eager to see her. It was a long wait to get to that point and very hard to wait once you saw the pictures," Meg said.

During the last days before leaving, Meg said she was easily distracted and "going around in a fog with only 15 percent of my brain working."

Yang Jing Lin, the name given to their new daughter at the orphanage, became Claire Jing Lin Farmer. Craig said they decided to keep the name that was given to her by the orphanage as a reminder that "she's been given to us by God and by the Chinese people."

On October 25, 2004, a day known as "gotcha day"

in the adoption world, Claire met her new parents for the first time, but for the first few days it was not a joyful experience.

Both Craig and Meg describe the first few days with Claire as one of the hardest moments during the adoption process.

"We had bonded with her and loved her for a long time just in our imaginations...we were head over heels in love with her, and we didn't even know her and yet somehow we did in our imaginations," Craig said.

Meg remembered Claire being very sad, and even though the tiny little girl bonded with her, Meg said she didn't always make Claire happy. "I was just sort of better than nothing."

She said that for Craig it was harder, because Claire wanted nothing to do with him for the first two or three days. Claire had been in the care of a female nanny in the orphanage where she lived so she had never seen a tall male figure before.

Craig describes the short period of time when Claire rejected him as "hell."

"I had moments where I felt my heart was being ripped out of my chest and being stamped on," he recalled.

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Students shocked by new policy

BY MISSIE MILLS
Print Managing Editor

While many students were thankful to be spending time with their families over Thanksgiving break, some students were just thankful to have a place to stay.

This year students were not allowed to stay in the dorms over Thanksgiving break. The decision was announced on Nov. 9 at the all-dorm meeting, to the shock of some students.

"It was surprising," said sophomore Nathan Clark. "I'd planned on staying in the dorms because it's cheaper that way."

Director of student life Kim Parker said the decision was made at the beginning of the year. "Mark (Fox) and I

just discussed it due to previous occurrences in breaks in the past," she said.

She said that having students stay in the dorms is unsafe. "Our RDs and RAs are not required to stay over the breaks, and we are liable and responsible for everything that happens over the breaks—whether or not we are there," said Parker. "It's an unsafe situation altogether for (students) and us."

Parker said that students staying over breaks are not a problem at larger colleges and universities because they require their RAs to sign up to stay for breaks. Milligan RAs, on the other hand, does not have those requirements.

Parker said that students did not have a problem finding a place to stay.

"There were a few that I had to help find places," she said, "but it wasn't a problem at all."

Some students would say otherwise.

"I live 18 hours away, going home was not an option," said Clark, who lives in Texas. He went to his friend, Erik Boggs, for help. "Erik Boggs and Mel Boggs were moving off campus, so they offered me room and board if I would help them, so that worked out pretty well."

Sophomore Andrew Stauffer also lives in Texas and

had to find a place to stay. "It was not practical to go home for such a short holiday." He initially expected to find a friend to go home with on the break. "Plan B was to stay here, and with that not an option I was stuck with absolutely having to find someplace to go."

Stauffer asked his friends if he could go home with them. "I found out that most people were going on small family vacations or could not arrange transportation." By Nov. 23, he was desperate for a place to stay. "Tuesday morning, I asked my professors," he said.

He ended up staying with Thomas Barks, associate professor of computer information systems. "I tried not to be an inconvenience," Stauffer said, "but probably being so last minute, it was a little bit of an inconvenience—but it turned out to be a nice weekend."

Students who expect to stay in the dorms over spring break need to find alternate plans now, as Parker said the policy will carry over to spring break as well. "Students will be able to stay for Easter because it is a shorter break," she said.

Director of student success Traci Smith sent out an email offering to match students who need housing up with willing area families and said she will likely do so for spring break if students need a place to stay.

Lady Buffs topple Bluefield

By RANDALL MOORE AND MANDI MOONEY
Reporter and Online Managing Editor

After losing three consecutive games, the Milligan College Lady Buffs basketball team defeated Bluefield College (Va.) on Tuesday night 61-47 at the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse.

"We played well as a team and shot well from the

free throw line," said junior Kari Stout.

In the first half, Milligan and Bluefield remained neck and neck as each team's defense worked hard to hold back its opponent.

The teams' hard work paid off as they began the second half with Milligan leading by only five points (27-22).

During the second half, the Lady Buffs pulled away from the Lady Rams, doubling their score from the first half. In the end, Milligan shot 42 percent from the three-point range to bring the final score to 61-47.

Sophomore Kacie Letterman who contributed 15 points led not only Milligan but was the high scorer of the game.

Junior Kari Stout also supported the Lady Buffs with 13 points.

"Ashley Studham played really well for us in the post as well," Stout said. "Her defense helped us to pull away with the win."

Milligan returned to action on Thursday night against Tusculum College (Tenn.) at home. Results of the game were not available at press time.

The Lady Buffs will host conference opponent University of Virginia at Wise at home on Saturday. Game time is set for 6:30 p.m.

Men's basketball falls to Bluefield

ERIN BLASINSKI

Editor in Chief

The Milligan College men's basketball team suffered a tough 72-60 loss to conference opponent Bluefield College on Tuesday night.

"Overall I think we played good and hard," said Yony Kille.

Tae Norwood, assistant basketball coach, said his team played with intensity. He was proud of the team's battling back with minute left in the game to win within three points of a win.

On the offensive side, the Buffs shot 38 percent from the field and 69 percent from the free throw line.

Senior Craig Emmert scored 20 points against the Bluefield defense, shooting 50 percent from the field and 66 percent from the free throw line. Emmert has scored 97 points in the team's 10 games this season.

Freshman Nick Tuggle added 19 points for the Buffs.

Norwood said that there are a lot of young players on the team who are playing key minutes and making a difference.

"We're going to be good at the end of the season. We will be battling for the championship," Norwood said.

With the loss the Buffs fall to 7-3 overall and 4-2 in the conference. The team plays at home on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. against Appalachian Athletic Conference opponent University of Virginia at Wise.

First dodgeball champions crowned Wednesday



Members of team PMS were crowned the champions of Milligan's first dodgeball tournament Wednesday night. "The season was fun," said senior Nathan Thomas, a member of team PMS. "People enjoyed it and the teams that took it seriously had a good time."

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Adoption: Success for Farmer family continued

Craig compared his feelings of rejection with those of God and the way He must feel when we reject Him. Sometimes, he explained, human beings do not return the love that God pursues his children with.

"We pursued Claire and she didn't want us, she didn't ask for us and as far as she was concerned, she didn't need us. But she did, she just didn't know it," he explained. "And she has just unfolded herself in love to us."

A turning point for Claire and her relationship with her new dad came at a meal time on their third day together. Claire reached out a piece of food for him to eat. He took it from her tiny hands and ate it.

"She just kept (putting food in my mouth). She thought it was so much fun," he said. "This became a ritual at every meal when she would put food in her mouth, chew on it and then give it to me."

New mommy and new daddy (sort of)

Craig and Meg aren't quite new parents. They have two sons, but it's been awhile since a baby has lived in the Farmer house. Peter is in high school and Adam is in college. Craig and Meg are in their mid-40s.

"Friends have told us that these are the great years of your life, that you get to have your own time," Craig said. "This is a renaissance in life when you can just focus on each other, go to movies, do the stuff you haven't been doing for years because you've had little kids."

Craig explained that he and his wife haven't let go of that idea but instead chose to do something else. He admits the road ahead will be long but neither he nor Meg regrets the decision to adopt.

"We're more relaxed this time around, realizing that if you're tired today

it doesn't last forever," said Meg. Craig adds that despite the lack of physical energy, they are smarter, wiser and more patient than they were when they began their family 20 years ago.

He also thinks ahead to taking Claire to kindergarten, first grade and second grade and remembers taking his sons when they were young.

"We did all that and we're going to do that all again with Claire...those years just flew by with our boys," said Craig.

Craig noticed a resurrection of old feelings that he remembers when Adam and Peter were younger. The adoption and being a dad of a young child again has "given me a spark and joy about life."

Each member of the Farmer family has been impacted in different ways since the addition of Claire.

"It's fun and exciting and it's exhausting," said Meg of being a mom of a young child again. She took maternity

leave and has changed her work schedule in order to be at home with Claire.

While at home with Claire, Meg enjoys listening to her daughter's laugh. "She will laugh loudly and kind of cackle."

Peter, 15, has enjoyed playing with his little sister.

"It's fun to come home and have Claire wanting to come up to you and play," Peter said.

Adam, 19, is excited that he gets to see her grow up.

"I've never had the opportunity to be with someone so small and new because when my little brother was born I was only four," Adam said.

Bedtime approaches and Claire waves bye-bye as Meg takes her upstairs. The fuzzy pink pajamas soon disappear around the corner, and the glide of a rocking chair is seen from the window as a mommy rocks her new baby to sleep.

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New program connects students with alumni

By ANNA GINDLESBERGER
Reporter

Students investigating career options now have a new resource: the Buffalo Connection. Through this program, undergraduate students are linked with Milligan alumni who have studied a similar major or field.

"The primary goal of the Buffalo Connection is to provide students with an additional resource for identifying careers they want to pursue and with an employee network broader than what Milligan faculty and staff can provide," said Traci Smith, director of student success.

The program involves several methods of initiating connections.

Each year at Homecoming at least four alumni will be asked to return to campus and speak with interested students, covering topics such as how they found and applied for their first job, what they enjoy and find frustrating in their profession and ways they see themselves serving God in their chosen career.

Alumni from various occupations will also be

invited to meet with students throughout the year during afternoons or evenings that best suit their individual schedules.

Beginning spring semester of 2005, the Center for Calling and Career Exploration plans to sponsor one or two trips to areas heavily populated with Milligan graduates, such as Louisville, Indianapolis, Atlanta and Baltimore, for students to meet alumni in their own cities.

For students wishing to contact alumni on a more individual basis, MonsterTrak.com has published the names and contact information of several Milligan alumni from a wide range of fields and majors. It also reports their possible graduate studies and/or current occupations.

"One of the primary ways that people find jobs is through personal connection — 'I know so and so, who is friends with someone who works at the organization where I would like to pursue employment,'" Smith said. "This connection can provide an applicant with additional knowledge about the desired job and increase the applicant's chances of receiving a job offer."

The Buffalo Connection is just one plan under the Student Success program. "The Student Success program initially targeted freshmen and their success at college in general and Milligan specifically," said Smith, whose position incorporates retention and career placement.

As the program developed, Milligan began looking at other factors which make a college experience successful, namely, what steps a student should take after graduation.

"Offering good advice about pursuing graduate schools and careers is simply another component of student success," Smith said.

"In addition to being a great resource for students, which is its goal, it is also a great way for alumni to stay connected to and involved with Milligan," said Kevin Harkey, assistant to the President.

Todd Norris, vice president for Institutional Advancement, agrees. "From an alumni-relations perspective, we really want our graduates to stay connected and involved. This is a way for them to give back to the college and make a difference in the next generation of Milligan students."

Milligan reaches out to community through mall advertising

By ERIN BLASINSKI
Editor-in-Chief

Two words are written directly above the television sets located at The Mall at Johnson City's Hospitality Centers: Milligan College. As part of Milligan's regional marketing campaign, the college decided to make its name visible to the community by sponsoring a part of the Hospitality Centers.

"The college decided to do this sponsorship ... because the mall is a high-traffic area and the hospitality centers provide high visibility for the college within the community," said Lee Fierbaugh, associate vice president for communications of the centers that were put in place in 2003.

Marsha Hammond, marketing director for The Mall at Johnson City, said Glimcher Properties, the company that owns the mall, owns 25 regional malls and each has found a great partnership with local colleges and universities. She said the mall offers a place to impact the community.

Two hospitality centers are located in Johnson City's mall — one upstairs and one downstairs. The centers include 5 chairs donated by Mauk's of Jonesborough, a television given by Sears, cable from Charter Communication and the wood cabinet sponsored by Milligan.

The contract ends in June 2005, when the effectiveness of the centers to be evaluated.

Fierbaugh said the centers have proven to be

effective in building general community awareness and in recruiting students "based on the number of brochures that are being picked up and the anecdotal feedback we have received."

Each center has display holders with brochures about the undergraduate and graduate degree programs offered at Milligan, admission's pieces and the Milligan Magazine for general information about the college.

The Public Relations office at Milligan tracks the number of pamphlets displayed and replenished. Fierbaugh said that in the past six months, almost 1000 brochures for the Adult Degree Completion Program, nearly 600 Masters of Business Administration brochures, 300 Master's of Science in Occupational Therapy, 300 Master's of Education, 600 About Milligan and several hundred each of the Milligan magazine and undergraduate admissions pieces have been picked up.

An exact cost for the sponsorship is not available but Fierbaugh said that based on reports from Stamats Communication, the national average for a college to spend on marketing and recruitment is 1.5 percent of its annual operating budget. She said Milligan is below the national average and is strategic and careful with its resources.

Hammond noted that Milligan is paying to lease the space on the hospitality center and the cost is reasonable and less than a print or radio advertisement.

"The centers are cost effective for the overall and continual impact that they provide," Fierbaugh said.



Bristol resident Shem Meredith relaxes during a recent shopping trip to The Mall at Johnson City.

Erin Blasinski

Students respond to housing policy continued

"WE CAN FIGHT FOR OUR
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WHERE WE WANT TO LIVE OR
(WHAT WE WANT TO) EAT."
Troy Childress

This survey was conducted by Mandi Mooney, Randall Moore, and Steve Burwick. Students were randomly selected on a rth basis at various points around campus, primarily Derthick Hall, Sutton Hall, and the McMahan Student Center. Those who completed the survey were unmarried, undergraduate students. There were 102 surveys completed. The poll was conducted throughout the day on Dec. 1, 2004. The survey form which was used can be found online at www.milligan.edu/stampede.

A large majority, over 70 percent, agreed or strongly agreed that the option should be offered.

"Students have no chance to experience the life in the real world and make life decisions by themselves which makes things more difficult when they leave college," said sophomore Andrew Roberson.

"The fact is at 18, we are considered adults," said senior Troy Childress. "We can fight for our country, but on this campus, we can't choose where we want to live or (what we want to) eat."

On the other hand, junior Ryan Allcott disagrees, "I support the current policy," he said. "I think Milligan would lose some of the positive atmosphere it has because there would be a greater number of students on campus that are only there for class. It would create parking problems, and I don't think Milligan would be as tight knit as it currently is."

Only 18 percent of those surveyed said the current policy does not create a community spirit with 22 percent saying they neither agree nor disagree.

"I believe the policy of being a residential college, and setting policies in

place to support that, helps foster the overall objectives of creating a Christian community," said Mark Fox, vice president for student development. "That would be much more difficult to achieve if the majority of our students were scattered about, not spending the bulk of their time on campus."

While most students believe the current policy fosters a community spirit on campus, 42 percent of those surveyed believe the main reason for the policy is to provide financial benefit to the college.

If those surveyed said that students should be allowed to live off campus, they were asked if criteria should be used to permit living off campus. Eighty-five percent of the surveyed students said that certain criteria should be required. Having a good academic standing is the most requested frequently suggested criterion at 58 percent. Almost half believe that students must have a good campus life standing as well — for instance, no disciplinary problems.

"The reason we believe strongly in a residential college is that it makes for a well-rounded experience for students," said Director of Student Life Kim Parker. "It helps them in their development as

young adults."

Students were also asked whether their total housing and food expenses would be less living on or off campus. Two-thirds believe that it would cost less to live off campus. Only 11 percent believe it would cost less to live on campus and one-quarter said they were not sure of the cost.

Just half of those surveyed believe that they would probably or definitely live off campus if they were given the authority to decide. Twenty-five percent said they would likely or definitely choose to live on campus even if they were given the choice to live off campus.

"It would be easier financially for me to live off campus," said junior Danielle Dodson. "I believe, given the chance, many students would still live on campus, as they like the structure of the dorms and meal plan."

Students were also asked how they thought groups or constituencies, such as supporting churches and parents, would respond to a change in policy. However, there was no discernable pattern in the responses as to whether Milligan's reputation would be improved, damaged or unchanged.

Student challenges Milligan's mission

By COURTNEY RUTH
Copy Editor

"For more than 130 years it's been our mission as a Christian liberal arts college to honor God by educating men and women to be servant-leaders."

That is the opening line of text on Milligan's Web site. And as I recall, I've heard a message or two preached in chapel, at a banquet or somewhere around campus in which being a servant-leader was the main point of the speech.

The following line of text on the Web directs attention to the areas that help educate students to be servant-leaders by the time they leave this four-year institution. "Through classes and activities, worship services and Bible studies, lasting friendships and exceptional faculty support..." Maybe it's only me - I don't think that's the case since a number of the students I spoke to agreed - but I do not believe Milligan is fulfilling its mission. Overall, this institution is not educating men and women to be servant-leaders.

I will give Milligan credit for fulfilling the second half of its mission - leader half - through its classes. From what I have seen and experienced, Milligan offers a high-quality education. It teaches students what they need to know not only to get a job in their field but to do well. I would venture to say that the curriculum for the majority of majors is challenging and, in the long run, that challenge will lay the foundation for Milligan graduates to be leaders among their co-workers. They may not have all the qualities it takes to be a leader, but they have the education to climb higher on the chain of command.

The biggest problem with the mission statement is the word "servant." Except for one freshman semester of College and Calling and one senior semester of Christ and Culture, our classes do not teach us that life is more about

what you give than what you get. Our classes teach us how to get - get knowledge to get a job to get money or to get into graduate school to get more money. Get, get, get. Where does the servant part of the Milligan education come in?

Well, the answer is in all the activities that Milligan offers - clubs and worship services and LINC opportunities. That's how Milligan teaches service. Wrong.

According to Kim Parker, director of student life, about 300 people, less than half of the undergraduate student population, participate in the 39 clubs that Milligan offers. Out of those 300 people, nearly 200 of them are active in two or more clubs. I would venture to say that since two-thirds of club participants are in more than one club, being active is something they learned and were encouraged to do along the way.

For the majority of Milligan students, that isn't the case. They have not been involved. They do not know what it is like to be part of an organization that sets up activities, plans events and works toward a goal that will satisfy more than one person.

Another problem with clubs and being servant-leaders is the lack of consideration Milligan's administration gives to clubs trying to fulfill the college's mission. The best example is the Student Government Association. Unlike many of the other clubs whose purpose is to set up events that other students might enjoy, SGA serves the student body by listening to concerns and complaints and then trying to help the students by making whatever changes are possible. Of course, it is a bit challenging to make changes when members of the administration will not even listen to the ideas set before them, when they dismiss the idea like they actually have a clue or even care what perturbs students who pay

\$21,000 a year to go to school here. Since that money is going from the students' pockets into the administrators' salaries, I would think they ought to be a bit more inclined to listen to the people who pay them for their efforts.

For example, an issue SGA brought to student development this semester was the increase of students with cars on campus but the lack of parking spaces. The administration refused to even do something as simple as look into the numbers until SGA's faculty advisor came knocking at the door.

Because being a servant is not an inherent quality of human nature but a learned activity, maybe the solution is service-learning. Instead of only looking at the phases of mitosis under a microscope, biology teachers could take students majoring in that area to a local school for a day where they can teach kids about science. Why not have students on the pre-law path sit in on a pro bono case? Communication majors can take their emphasis to a church and write articles for the church's bulletin.

And what better way for the teachers to lead than by example? This gives the students somewhere to turn when they have questions. It lets students see how they can take the knowledge they have gained and do something greater than make money with it. If accounting majors knew their professor takes April 15 off to donate his day to helping with tax returns, the students will see how to use their degree to reach out to the community. They can serve those in need around the world; they can learn to become the servant-leaders that Milligan is supposed to be educating them to be.

Yes, we are at Milligan to be educated, but students need to be educated with more than just information. They need service-learning, to be taught how to give in order to be educated about what it means to be a servant-leader.

Cabinet supports, strives to fulfill mission

Below is a composition from the cabinet. We responded to the assertion that we are not fulfilling our mission. - President Don Jeanes

Milligan's mission is just that. It is our purpose, our reason for being, and why we do what we do. It is a mission that is alive, both in the heritage of this institution and the thousands of alumni who live it out daily, as well as in the students, faculty, staff and administration who daily walk our halls and campus paths. But a mission is also admittedly something that is never quite finished or concluded, especially in an institution of higher education. It is something we are always striving to achieve and to bring to life anew.

We are certainly not perfect and always striving for more opportunities to live out our mission, but there are examples, many too numerous to list, of Milligan's commitment to its mission and its success in living out that mission. In comparison with other colleges and universities, Milligan has a higher percentage of students involved in clubs and organizations, all of which have an expected service component. According to our own students who participated in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) last year, Milligan was well-above the national average for the percentage of students who performed community service or volunteer work, who participated in a community-based project for a class and who worked with faculty members in activities outside of class.

But service through clubs and organizations is just one aspect of a campus committed to servant-leadership. Our professors don't just lecture and issue exams in their classes but many involve their students in service opportunities. Our social learning faculty, for example, has led its students in conducting a homeless study for an area homeless coalition; our computer information systems students have provided computer training at a local housing project; occupational therapy students provide free OT evaluations for children in local school systems; our education faculty and students have written and obtained much-needed grant funding and training for children and teachers in local school systems; our business and pre-law students have hosted Bible studies and pizza parties for boys in a local group home; our student athletes are not just active on the courts and fields but donate time to local causes through the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Champions of Character program. The examples of acts of service by individuals, clubs and classes go on and on.

Milligan's Institute for Servant Leadership has laid important groundwork to create a campus-wide environment in which students, faculty and staff can fully engage in essential discussions about what it means to be a servant-leader. New courses, seminars, service projects,

discussion groups, curriculum reviews, co-curricular programs and student life and campus ministry opportunities are resulting from this focus. Through the LINC office alone, Milligan students have donated thousands of hours, served more than 75 local agencies and organizations and responded to numerous individual needs in the past year. We invite and encourage more participation by our entire campus community in all these initiatives.

An attitude of service and being a servant-leader is something that can be discussed, encouraged, lectured about and even taught, but we know from the example of Jesus Christ that being a servant is best learned by following the example lived out by others. One of Milligan's greatest strengths has been, and continues to be, a very dedicated and outstanding faculty who teach, mentor and just as importantly model servanthood to their students. Our faculty, administration and staff are all involved in individual acts of service - not often publicized - on our campus, in the community and in their churches. It is what they are personally committed to and what our students often find most inspirational and moving about their professors and staff.

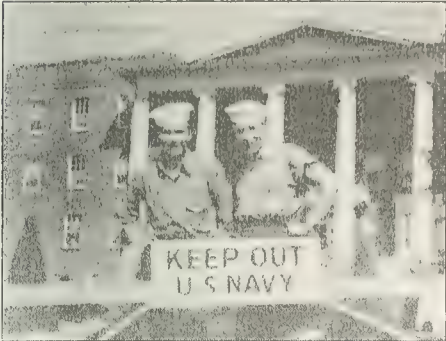
A college is indeed a laboratory all its own where students, faculty and staff wrestle with many different concepts and opportunities for personal growth. Milligan College believes the educational process is best born out within the context of a Christian worldview. Our rigorous academic program certainly is aimed at preparing students to succeed in their careers and further academic pursuits - to indeed be leaders. But it is important that those leaders have the heart of a servant.

Our mission is about more than just being above-average. Certainly we can and should all strive to more closely follow the example of Christ and seek out further opportunities to serve, as we live and learn from each other. Milligan's mission belongs to all of us and takes an active commitment from every member of the community. It is a mission that is alive and well, and always striving for more.

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Flashback: Milligan once a naval base



Two students of Milligan's Navy V-12, James Schneider and Frank Stephenson, are photographed outside of Pardee behind a sign identifying the campus as a Navy Unit.

Courtesy of Milligan Archives

By MANDI MOONEY
Online Managing Editor

Did you know that Milligan College's men's basketball team once beat Duke University? Did you know that Milligan once held a dance on campus, despite its policy strictly prohibiting dancing? Did you know that Milligan once faced such financial constraints that it almost closed? Did you know that Milligan's alma mater was once "Anchors Aweigh?"

All of these things, and more unusual events, occurred during World War II when Milligan served as a naval training facility for the Navy V-12 Program, designed to create needed naval officers.

In Nov. 1942, the United States government lowered the draft age to 18, creating a loss of college students as they were drafted into service. As many of the country's colleges and universities were tuition driven, the schools were struggling to keep their doors open with the loss of students. Institutions just like Milligan began asking the government for financial assistance, offering to become training facilities for the military.

As a result, President Roosevelt created the Navy College Training Program on Dec. 17, 1942.

The main reason for creating the program was not to rescue educational institutions from closure or to shield men from the fighting, but to provide potential naval officers with a college education, an education the government believed would be needed both during and after the war as the men became leaders in their communities.

By March 1943, more than 1,600 colleges and universities applied to become training centers. In the end, 131 schools, including Milligan, that were mainly small and financially unstable were selected to participate in the program. The commission gave Milligan the financial assistance it desperately needed to stay afloat.

"(The school) did not have the students coming in," said Milligan College archivist Dr. Billie Oakes. "They were all going off into the military."

In the fall of 1942, only 274 students were enrolled at Milligan. Milligan President Charles E. Burns and the administration considered dismissing a number of faculty

members and eliminating certain programs to keep from closing. The V-12 program was the answer to financial struggles.

"Based on my conversations with former Business Manager Ray Stahl and Academic Dean Guy Oakes, (the program) was something that made it possible for the college to stay in existence," said B. Oakes.

Burns strongly opposed having the military on the campus. The college's trustees, however, thought the program was Milligan's salvation. Burns was overruled and Milligan accepted its commission.

When Milligan opened its doors to the United States Navy on July 1, 1943, it was transformed into the most unlikely naval base — surrounded not by water but by trees and mountains. Because of its deep financial difficulties, Milligan could not afford to maintain its position as an educational institution as well as a training center, so it became the only school to completely turn itself over to the military. No civilian students received their education from Milligan, and only a minimal number of faculty members were retained.

Students became trainees, the administration became officers, the cafeteria became the mess and clothes became uniforms.

For the most part, Milligan continued to function just like other colleges. It conducted three four-month terms each year in a year-round program. During each term, it was mandatory for each trainee to take 17 academic hours. Classes ranged from English and mathematics to naval organization. Milligan was the first to begin tutoring classes to help with the academic load.

The main difference in the trainees' class schedules was the addition of physical training which was designed to keep the men in top physical condition. Naval officers, who were mainly former athletes and coaches, instructed the physical courses. Along with their academic hours, men were required to carry 17 hours of physical training.

The men performed calisthenics, ran and exercised at least six times each week. Men could be seen running around Milligan's campus each morning to fulfill their required two to three miles or swimming in the pool beneath Cheek Hall. An obstacle course designed to increase toughness was even constructed down by Buffalo Creek where the soccer, baseball and softball fields now stand. Trainees climbed over barriers, scaled walls, climbed up ropes and crawled under barbed wire.

Clubs and organizations sprung up across campus as the men attempted to make their training and education seem more like a regular college experience. A glee club, marching band and student government association all formed at Milligan under the naval program. The trainees

also began their own student newspaper, *The Marthead*.

The naval trainees excelled in sports. Milligan created football, basketball, baseball, boxing, swimming and even cheerleading teams. The basketball team experienced an impressive season during the winter of 1943-1944 when they lost only two games and beat Duke University.

Just as Milligan's policy stands now, the men were not allowed to hold dances on campus, but they repeatedly asked the administrators to allow a dance.

"Gentlemen, there never has been a dance at Milligan, and there will never be a dance at Milligan," responded President Burns to the request.

The administrators finally relented and lifted the policy for one night. On June 15, 1945, the college held a party, which included dancing, in the Cheek Hall gymnasium to celebrate the end of Milligan's naval program.

Milligan's term as a naval training center came to a close. The war was ending, and the need for more and more control of Europe. With the end of the war, the Navy's need for large numbers of officers came to an end. Milligan saw the termination of its program on June 30, 1945. Six hundred eighty-five men had passed through Milligan's doors during the two-year period.

When civilian students returned to campus in the fall of 1945, only slight changes were noticeable. The alma mater returned to the traditional chorus praising Milligan. The obstacle course no longer dominated the playing fields. The strict dancing policy was again in place.

Milligan would never be the same. Although the Navy did help it from closing its doors, its impact was not completely positive.

"The college still kind of hung on by a thread," B. Oakes said. "It took so much work from the faculty, staff and administration to get the school back on its feet."

Former President Dr. Virgil Elliott, who accepted the responsibility after Burns resigned during the middle of the program, wrote that the college actually lost money during the last few months that it was a training center.

According to B. Oakes, what Milligan lost the most through its connection with the Navy was the close ties it had with the Christian church. The school also struggled with the loss of faculty and its student body.

"(After the war) was a great rebuilding time for faculty," Oakes said. "It also took awhile to rebuild the student body."

In 1980, Milligan was awarded a plaque by the Council of Abandoned Military and was named as an abandoned military base.

Former Milligan trainees, have returned to their old training grounds four times in the past 25 years to relive their experiences. Those who returned also came to pay tribute to the Milligan men in the service who gave their lives for that one common cause.

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Milligan University? To change or not to change

By MANDI MOONEY
Online Managing Editor

In recent months, two Midwest Christian colleges, Kentucky Christian College and Cincinnati Bible College, changed their names from colleges to universities. Even though Milligan is similar to these colleges in several ways, it will not be following in the steps of its counterparts.

"The issue has been raised here many times," said academic Dean Mark Matson. "But we have a pretty clear idea of who we are and what we want to be like, and the university label does not fit."

According to Matson, there are only a few concrete criteria for becoming a university in Tennessee. For example, having graduate programs included in the college's offered degrees would be a satisfactory criterion.

Although it is not a rule, universities are also structured to have colleges, such as a school of nursing or

a school of business, within it that are independent from the college and its mission.

"We want all of our programs to reflect our central mission and to be as tied together as possible," Matson said. "So for us, the idea of college better reflects our understanding of the interrelationship of our various majors and courses and the tightly-knit community of scholars and students that we think produces better graduates."

Matson also affirmed that Milligan is not currently large enough to call itself a university, even though there is no specified required number of students.

"Small schools calling themselves a university causes a few chuckles in the larger world of academia," Matson said. "I would rather Milligan be taken seriously as a college than be laughed at as a university."

Perhaps those who would be most affected by a change to university would be Milligan's alumni. Bob Hayden, president of Milligan's alumni association, said

that changing the school's name will not automatically make it a better establishment, let alone improve the quality of the education Milligan students receive.

"There is a misconception by many people that a university is superior to a college," Hayden said. "However, an individual was to check academic standards they will find that Milligan's academic programs, undergraduate degrees, graduate degrees, etc., are far superior to a large percentage of universities."

He feels that a change would not draw a large reaction from the alumni. Hayden believes that what matters to alumni is not the name of the college, but the education they received and the experiences they encountered.

"What students receive from their Milligan education is a life-changing experience," Hayden said. "The fact is, a Milligan education already speaks to the quality of the education; adding the word university will not improve that."

Q & A

Simerly Spices up Jazz Program



Photo courtesy of Rick Simerly

Some people at Milligan see Rick Simerly as the associate professor of music, but what they may not know is that he is also an internationally known jazz trombonist. "[Simerly] is more famous than people realize," said junior Richard Greatti.

Simerly has recorded two CDs entitled *Obscurity* and *Simple Complexity*, and he currently plays in numerous bands as a freelance player. In the spring, Simerly is teaching *The History of Jazz* (MUSC 266), an elective course for three credits, open to anyone.

Stampede reporter Megan Allen recently asked Simerly some questions about his love for music, specifically jazz.

Q: If you could describe jazz in one word what would it be?

A: I would describe jazz as freedom. It is actually musical freedom. It is a genre of music based upon improvisation or the spontaneous creation of music which allows me to play what I want, when I want.

Q: Why did you decide to get involved in music?

A: Because of my passion for it and my love of playing the trombone.

Q: What was the first instrument you played?

A: I started on piano but didn't last long. My next instrument was the trombone.

Q: What attracted you to the trombone?

A: Actually, the band director called my dad and asked him if I would play the trombone because they needed trombones in the band. My dad agreed and I was just happy to have the opportunity to play anything.

Q: When did you begin playing trombone?

A: When I was ten years old.

Q: What did your parents think about your involvement in music? Were they supportive?

A: My parents and sister were always supportive of me and my musical involvement. My dad bought me an instrument at a time when he was unemployed. They all sacrificed a lot for me, attended concerts and supported all my musical endeavors.

Q: How many years have you been teaching music? Where have you taught?

A: This is my fourth year at Milligan. Before that I was a middle school band director at T.A. Dugger Jr. High in Elizabethton for 22 years. In total, counting other teaching experiences, I have been teaching approximately 28-30 years.

Q: Why did you decide to teach?

A: I've always enjoyed teaching, but I applied for my first public school job after being on the road playing a trombone for two years. I was a little tired of riding a bus or spending nights in airports. I also was not getting time to practice the trombone and improve. I had plenty of playing experience but not a lot of quality practice time.

Q: What is your greatest accomplishment as a musician?

A: I am not sure — one of the greatest joys I have had is getting to perform with some incredible musicians and meeting lots of new friends through music. There always seems to be a great bond between jazz musicians — both on stage and off. I have musician friends that stay in touch from all over the world.

Humphrey opens solo show at downtown gallery

By ERIN BLASINSKI

Editor-in-Chief

"I'm just a kid taking photographs," said Milligan College senior Theron Humphrey.

Humphrey opened his solo show entitled, "Indicate the Controlling Finger: Polaroids" at the 316 Gallery in downtown Johnson City last Friday night. He estimated about 200 people came to the gallery for the opening.

After being approached by Laura Grant, owner of 316 Gallery, Humphrey decided to bring his Polaroid work to the show because "it is really different for Johnson City, and I've never seen any Polaroids shown here before."

"Theron's stuff is really different and new. It's not like most kinds of photography out there right now," said sophomore Jennifer Kraicinski, who attended the opening of Humphrey's show. "He is a really innovative photographer."

Humphrey hung the show with a definite purpose in mind. He had his photos framed and cropped so the Polaroids' borders were not visible.

"How I hung the show is crucial. Obviously people knew when they came it was a Polaroid show, but when you started looking you weren't confronted by Polaroids," he explained.

By matting and hanging the photos without the typical borders, Humphrey said it made the photographs more significant.

"If you see the picture (with borders) you think, 'Oh, snap shot' but by eliminating the borders you confront the image instead of the medium it was taken in."

Before coming to Milligan in the fall of 2001, Humphrey had not done much with photography. He took some pictures at events here and there but "nothing I was really pursuing being an artist with. It wasn't until college that I was serious about it."

Over the last four years he has experimented with various mediums in photography.

"He has a good eye, natural ability and a passion for photography," said Alice Anthony, assistant professor of art and photography. "He isn't afraid to step out and try new things."

Humphrey has experimented with various types of photography. He has used a pin hole camera, Polaroids and a type of photography called liquid emulsion that allows the photographer to apply the image to any surface.



Theron Humphrey talks with Alice Anthony at the opening of his on Friday Dec. 3 at 316 Gallery in downtown Johnson City. Jennifer Kraicinski

He said he had seen people use Polaroids, and it sparked something within him.

"I guess when you start in photography you have an urge to do everything and become the best at it," he said.

For Humphrey, Polaroids have two qualities that he likes — instant gratification and the small size that presents an intimate image for the viewer.

"To the public, Polaroid has a certain stereotype of not being so much of an artistic tool," Humphrey said. "In the art community, people use Polaroid extensively, but when most people think of photography, you're not going to think, 'Oh, Polaroid.'"

He said the key to photography at this point in his life is composing the image through the use of forms, colors, shadows and light. Using all of those together can lead one to a successful photograph, Humphrey noted.

Anthony said that Humphrey naturally has an eye for abstract shapes, forms and colors.

"In abstract photography, the only person you have to confront is yourself, and the only person you deal with is yourself and the camera and what you decide to include," he said.

After graduation in May, Humphrey hopes to attend graduate school and receive his master of fine arts degree.

He wants to teach photography once he is finished with school and would like to become a professional photographer for a magazine or portrait studio.

Student confession: 'I'm a Xanga-holic'

Hi. My name is Lindsey Vogt and I'm a Xanga-holic.

That's right. I am addicted to Xanga.com. Call it a "blog," call it an "online journal," call it what you will, but I will call it a means of procrastination. In fact, whoever invented Xanga is going to owe me about \$60,000 when I flunk out of college.

For those of you who aren't quite sure what I'm referring to and haven't written me off yet for a crazed lunatic, I will try to explain myself. The new rage in electronic communication is what is called a "blog" (short for Weblog). One of the most popular weblog communities is Xanga.com where you can post reviews, articles, deep (or not so deep) thoughts, pictures, poetry and much more. Then you can read and comment on other xanganites' entries.

In my case, Xanga has become just another way to stay in touch with friends here, there and everywhere. I have never been great at correspondence, but I find it fun to post random thoughts, funny pictures and important happenings. Some like to use Xanga as an online diary pouring forth their heart and soul...I'd rather highlight grilled cheese sandwiches sold on eBay!

Honestly though, I love Xanga (possibly to the point that it has become academically detrimental), and you would be surprised at how many of your fellow Buffs do too! In fact, there is now a Milligan Webbing where you can stay

connected with the MC community.

My favorite part of all is that your very own xanga, to share with the world, won't cost you a dime... it's FREE (music to the ears of a poor college student like me)!

So, if you choose to venture into the world of Xanga, look me up. But, a word to the wise: Xanga is highly addictive.

"I'm
addicted to
Xanga.com"

Lindsey Vogt

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE STAMPEDE STAFF



Weekend Activities

FRIDAY: Christmas Movie Marathon
9 pm Wilson Auditorium

SATURDAY: Women's & Men's Bball games
Women's @5:30/Men's @7:30

SUNDAY: Christmas Concert
8 pm Seeger Chapel

WEEKEND FORECAST
weather

Information from www.weather.com

Friday: High 57, Low 39, 70 percent chance of rain
Saturday: High 47, Low 33, 30 percent chance of rain
Sunday: High 54, Low 35, 20 percent chance of rain



FINAL EXAMS SCHEDULE

Studying through the years

EXAM TIME/LOCATION	NORMAL MEETING TIME/DAYS
Monday, December 13, 2004 8:00-10:00 a.m.; Classroom 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Hyder-Hardin 102 & 103 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Classroom 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Classroom	8:00 a.m.; MWF HUMN 1015 8:00 a.m.; TR 9:30 a.m.; TR
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Freshmen

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Editorial: SUB 7 gallery for art students

BY ERIN BLASINSKI
Editor-in-Chief

It's more than just a coffee house once a month and a random study room between classes. For photography and art students, SUB 7 has become their personal art gallery.

Bosnia. Chicago. Asheville. You can travel the world, see a different culture and see the beauty of a large city by just stepping inside the room.

"It is a good opportunity for students to display their work so they can gain experience in putting a show together," said Alice Anthony, professor of photography.

Junior art major Sarah Daasch, who had a show earlier in the semester, said the opportunity to show art is good for everyone because there are not many places or opportunities for exhibiting work.

"It's always good to have a place to exhibit work not only for the artist but for others to see," said senior art major Sarah Shepherd. "You always benefit with showing something you create."

As a photography student, I sometimes feel as though I live in my own world in the communications building. Our tiny little darkroom and Alice Anthony's small classroom seem to be the only places where our work is truly appreciated.

Junior Bre Shelton said that she's glad shows are done in SUB 7 and that students are using the space.

"SUB 7 gives students opportunities to put their work up other than their senior show," Shelton said.

The large canvas has been on the back wall in SUB 7 for at few years, and until this semester I don't remember it being used to display art work very much. I was excited when a calendar went up in Anthony's room, and we were all encouraged to sign up to have our own show.

"It also gives the campus community a chance to see what the art/photo students are doing. We have a lot of talent at Milligan College," Anthony said.

Junior Hannah Bader agrees with Anthony.

"I think it's a great opportunity to show the great we have here because not a lot of people are aware of it," said Bader.

Currently showing in SUB 7 is work by juniors Hannah Bader and Kaci Campbell. The two have selected work from their trip to Chicago. Skyscrapers, a bakery store and the subway are just a few of the images included in the show.

Art is very subjective and often it is not appreciated as it should be. I have found many times that I will show my work to one person and the look on his face tells me he doesn't get it. Another time I'll show my photos to someone, and I know instantly that he understands and sees the emotion and passion in the image.

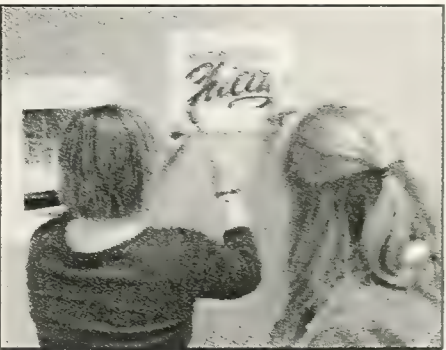
After taking humanities we're supposed to have this grand appreciation for art, but I dare say that most people don't leave sophomore humanities with an increased desire to look at art. One of the reasons I think the shows in SUB 7 are important is because they bring an awareness of art to students.

Sure, the art hung in the gallery isn't world famous and doesn't have books written about it, but I'd venture to say that at least one person who has had a show in SUB 7 will become famous one day. If you've ever see work by Sarah Shepherd, Hannah Bader, Theron Humphrey or Jennifer Kraicinski, you know what I mean. And the talent isn't just limited to those students above. In fact, everyone's work I've seen is amazing and unique in its own way.

I know we all get those mass emails about student art

shows, and most of you just trash them with the click of the mouse. But when next semester approaches and you begin to receive emails about art shows, go. Show support for your fellow students, and let them know that their gifts and talents are important.

It's easy to give someone a pat on the back for a great performance in front of a large group or for someone who gave a great talk or presentation. But art and photography students aren't up in front of people all the time receiving words of encouragement. Their photos speak for themselves, and they speak of the person behind the lens - their fears, their gifts and their passions.



Hannah Bader and Kaci Campbell hang their joint show entitled "Chicago."

Erin Blasinski



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New dorm desks, chairs estimated \$160,000

MEGAN ALLEN
Reporter

Students returning to Milligan next semester will discover new desks and chairs in Webb, Hart and Sutton Halls.

The new desks and chairs have been ordered, said Joe Whitaker, vice president for business and finance, and, as long as there are not unforeseen complications, the old furniture will be replaced at the end of the summer, after all of the summer camps at Milligan have ended.

Some students think the current furniture is decent, but it could use improvement.

Senior Lacy York said, "Sometimes I look at my desk and chair, and I don't even want to study."

A common complaint among students is that the chairs are uncomfortable, and some students choose to use a non-dorm chair for their desk chair.

"The tops of the desks are often very uneven, not smooth enough to facilitate writing," said junior Aaron Gray.

Gray suggested that maintenance to chairs and desks after every semester would keep the furniture in better condition.

Whitaker was unsure of the exact age of the desks and chairs, but he said that the desks in Webb are the same ones that he used when he was a student in 1964.

Kegley, Quillen and Williams Halls, the upperclassmen dorms, will not get new desks and chairs because the furniture is not as old and in better condition than the other dorms. New furnishings were put in the upperclassman dorms when they were built about 15 years ago.

According to Whitaker, President Don Jeanes said it was important to furnish all the dorms in a similar fashion.

The new desks and chairs cost at least \$160,000, not including the freight cost. The money for the new furniture came from restricted funds, which were given to the college. The school may also take out a loan.

The new desks are customized and have bigger tops than the current desk tops. There is a center drawer with a flip-down front so it can be used to hold a keyboard if desired. Three shelves will be on the left side that are open to the front and on the side.

The top is laminate, which means it will not scratch as easily as wood, and drinks can be set on the top without damaging in the finish. A hole in the back center allows for a place through which to run cables.

Many considerations were taken into effect especially technology, when considering deciding on the design of the desk.

Whitaker, who played a role in choosing the design, considered whether to make the desks computer friendly by having a shelf to hold a computer tower.

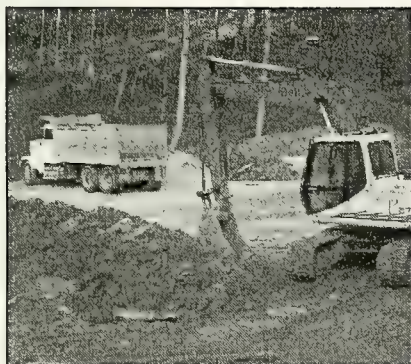
Whitaker said he decided it would be best to not have the shelf because technology is rapidly changing, and if the new desks are going to be in the dorms for as long as the current desks have been in use, computers will be completely different in fifty years. Since not all students have a computer, some may want to use the desk for other purposes.

The new chairs are wooden, two-position chairs that resemble the chairs on the first floor in the library, except the dorm chairs will not be upholstered.

Rules and fines will not change with the new furniture, but Mark Fox, dean of students, said, "Rules will be enforced to a tee."

Some of the old furniture will still be used in other areas on campus. Offices will have an opportunity to use the old desks and chairs. Some furniture will be put in storage for future use, if needed, and some will be put into the Milligan suites. Furniture that does not get used or stored on campus will be traded with a furniture dealer.

Construction continues to dig up questions



The construction taking place in the canyon and in front of the post office "is the installation of a new sewer line for the new Physical Plant facility," said Jonathan Robinson, facilities service manager. "Other utilities will be installed as weather permits before the actual building construction begins." The digging at the front of campus is due to the fact that the closest sewer connection exists at the bridge by the post office. According to Robinson, plans to construct the new facility in the back left corner of the canyon parking lot will require excavation into the hillside. The construction should be completed during the fall 2005 semester.

Students conduct survey of homeless

CLAIRE MILLER
Reporter

For the second year in a row, Milligan faculty and students were involved in a point-in-time survey, which was conducted over a 24-hour period, of area homeless persons on Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon.

The surveyors included students from two of Dr. Rubye Beck's classes, students who received a personal invitation, some faculty and others from the community.

Research coordinator Dr. Joy Drinnon said that the surveyors were to speak to all of those living in shelters and as many as possible who do not live in shelters. Surveyors spoke to homeless persons at shelters such as the Salvation Army in Johnson City, Kingsport and Bristol and Haven of Mercy in Johnson City. The

survey covered homeless persons in eight counties: Johnson, Carter, Unicoi, Washington, Sullivan, Greene, Hawkins and Hancock.

Surveyors mainly asked questions about the person's background and homeless experience. The data collected will help the Appalachian Regional Coalition on Homelessness (ARCH) apply for funding, said Drinnon.

Drinnon stated that, "it's very important for ARCH to have the

information because it will enable them to get or at least to be eligible for a grant from (the US Department of Housing and Development)." She added that ARCH received in excess of \$1 million last year for emergency housing.

Drinnon said the students "may not feel like they're helping much... but they are providing information that is absolutely essential to getting grants and that will provide more services for the homeless in the area."

Super Bowl Sunday has plenty of twists, turns

RANDALL MOORE
Sports Columnist

I'm not going to lie, I don't like the New England Patriots.

I used to laugh at the way their head coach, Bill Belichick, was absolutely torn down in the Ohio newspapers while he was the head coach of the Cleveland Browns back in the mid-1990s. I don't like seeing Corey Dillon going to the Super Bowl one year after leaving Cincinnati. I was one of those die-hard Bengals fans who watched Corey every week, hoping he could somehow will us to a hard-fought victory that we didn't often get to celebrate. He was my boy, the one reason to watch the Bengals.

But he didn't like Cincinnati and finally, after years of badmouthing the city, my city, he got his wish to be traded to the best team in the NFL. Now he's going to the Super Bowl, while the Bengals spend their 14th straight season at home for the playoffs.

Before this current dynastic run by the Patriots, the three previous Super Bowl champions had losing records the season before: the Rams in 2001, the Ravens in 2002 and the Patriots in 2003. With the current state of the NFL, a dynasty run like one that the Patriots are enjoying right now is something that not a lot of people would have expected. This year, when their best cover cornerback, Ty Law, was hurt and they had to start a wide receiver at cornerback against Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts - widely considered the favorites in the American Football Conference - they were somehow able to get a victory and completely stifle the NFL's most valuable player, Manning, winning 20-3.

This is a dynasty run that is built for the long haul. The Patriots are void of star power in their lineup. Can you name their starting wide receivers? The New England Patriots are the epitome of a team.

Facing off against the Patriots are the National Football Conference champions Philadelphia Eagles. After three years of playing the bridesmaid in the NFC championship game, the Eagles finally get to be the bride. Even without star wide receiver Terrell Owens, the Eagles defense completely dominated the high-powered offenses of the Minnesota Vikings and Atlanta Falcons to advance to Super Bowl XXXIX. Coach Andy Reid and quarterback Donovan McNabb finally get the monkeys off their back, as well as the dreaded title, "The Buffalo Bills of the NFC." The Bills lost four straight Super Bowls in the early 1990s, and, with the exception of the first one, were not even competitive in the latter three.

I'm not looking forward to this Super Bowl because of the loss of my dream of seeing Mike Vick go against the new Steel Curtain Pittsburgh defense. Nevertheless, I will grudgingly watch and pay my respects and dues to both teams: to the Patriots for their amazing playoff runs in three of the last four years and to the Eagles, because frankly, it's about time they made it there.

As much as I want to go with sentimental value for this one and take Philadelphia to win, there's something about the Patriots that can't be touched. New England will win the Super Bowl for the third time in four years, 24-14.

See you in Jacksonville.

Milligan men lose to King College

MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

The King College Tornados proved too tough of a match for the Milligan College men's basketball team as the Buffs were defeated 61-73 on Tuesday night.

The game in Bristol played out similar to Milligan's games against Tennessee Wesleyan College and Union College (Ky.) last week when Milligan trailed their opponent at the half, battled back to capture the lead in the second half but were unable to maintain that lead, which ended the games in losses.

Milligan, who went into the game ranked No. 5 in the conference, faced No. 10 King.

Throughout the first half, both teams shot 44 percent from the field, but King was able to capitalize on Milligan's missed shots. Also, while Milligan grabbed only one three-point shot, the Tornados hit five treys in the first half alone.

Coming into the second half, Milligan was down by eight points. With a surge of energy and offense, the Buffs bounced back to take the lead with 13 minutes of play left off of a three-point play by Todd Davis.

Nonetheless, the remaining 13 minutes was plenty of time for King to make a comeback and take back control of the court. King's Derek Linkous hit a three-point shot to hand the Tornados the lead again, a lead that lasted for the rest of

the game.

In the end, the Tornados prevailed over the Buffs, winning by 12 points to win.

The Buffs, who lost three of their five starters during the college's winter break, were led by senior Craig Emmert who contributed 20 points and seven rebounds. Senior Todd Davis and freshman Yony Kifle, who each caught five rebounds, also added 16 and 14 points, respectively.

Earlier in the season, Milligan outlasted King, winning by two points on their home court. The Buffs record for the season now stands at 11-11 and 8-7 in the Appalachian Athletic Conference. They face conference rival Virginia Interment College for the second time this season, on the road on Saturday night.

Lady Buffs falter on the road against King College

MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

The Milligan College women's basketball team, ranked No. 9 in the Appalachian Athletic Conference, was defeated 66-79 by the No. 5 King College Lady Tornados on Tuesday night.

"The game was actually closer than the final score indicated," said head coach Rich Aubrey. "We stayed close for most of the game, but we failed to make plays and found ourselves trailing in the last three minutes."

If all that mattered in basketball was statistics, Milligan would be the victor. The Lady Buffs shot 42 percent from the field against King's 39 percent. Also, while King made only 36 percent of its three-point shots, Milligan made 70 percent. Nevertheless, all that matters is points and King defeated Milligan, 79-66.

The Lady Buffs and Lady Tornados went back and forth during the first half with neither team taking maintaining any strong lead. At the end of the half, Milligan led 36-34.

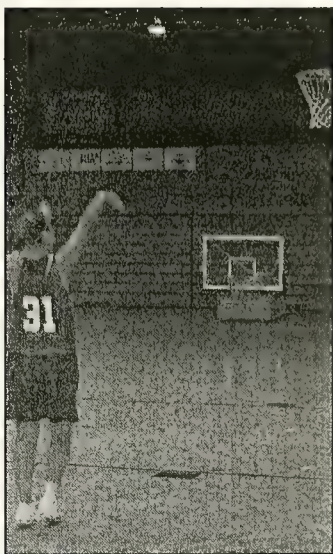
"We may have played a touch better in the first half, but really we missed an opportunity to be in control of the game (in the second half)," Aubrey said.

In the second half, King came out more determined to win, going on a 10-2 run to give the Lady Tornados a large lead with only minutes left in the game.

"Last night, we did not make many shots down the stretch," Aubrey said. "We did have a flurry of turnovers early in the second half that hurt us."

Junior Kari Stout, who contributed 19 points, also led the Buffs with seven rebounds. Senior Lacy York added 14 points and freshman Ashley Stidham added ten 10 points. Senior Ginny White also captured seven rebounds.

This was the second time this season the two teams met with the same end result. King defeated the Lady Buffs in December by a margin of only two points. The loss brings Milligan's record to 6-16 for the season and 5-10 in the conference. The Lady Buffs will travel to Bristol, Tenn. on Saturday for a conference match against Virginia Interment College.



+Junior Leah Seevers practices after Tuesday's loss to King.
Andrew Stauffer



Halftime, Half-talent:

ASHLEE SIMPSON
PERFORMS IN FRONT
OF BOOING CROWDS
AT THE SUPERBOWL
IN JACKSONVILLE.

Student reflects on first-hand inauguration experience

ANNA GINDLESPIERGER
Guest Columnist

After sitting on a cold stone wall for over three hours, bundled up in more layers of clothing than I have ever worn at one time (three pairs of socks, three pairs of pants, four shirts, two pairs of gloves, a coat, a hat and a scarf), the inauguration ceremony finally began.

Senators and past presidents filed in and took their seats while the crowd watched the two large screens on either side of the stage, cheering and sometimes booing, as the camera highlighted certain people.

Anticipation grew as my family and I waited anxiously for the president to descend the stairs. At last he appeared, and from my vantage point I was able to distinguish his figure by his bright blue necktie.

And there I was, sitting approximately 250 yards from the Capitol Building and staring at the 43rd

president of the United States. The most powerful man in the country and, debatably, the world. The man for whom I'd cast my ballot. President George Walker Bush.

After being sworn in, he approached the podium to give his inaugural speech and over the loudspeaker came a familiar Texan drawl. I had heard that voice so many times in the past four years but always from the speakers of a television set or radio. Hearing the voice as I watched him with my own eyes, the significance of his position and the dreams he was aspiring to achieve suddenly became more real, more tangible.

"We will persistently clarify the choice before every ruler and every nation," he said, "the moral choice between oppression, which is always wrong, and freedom, which is eternally right."

As I moved with the crowd toward Pennsylvania Avenue to stand along the parade route and catch a closer glimpse of the president and first lady, the lyrics of the

song that had been sung before the swearing-in service ran through my mind.

"Heal our land/Heal our land /And guide us with thy hand/Keep us ever on the path of Liberty Heal our land/Heal our land/And help us understand that we must put our trust in thee/If we would be free"

And I prayed that God would heal our land, that He would heal the division that now exists in our country, that this administration would seek His guidance in all their endeavors.

But most of all I prayed that the hearts of the American people would be open and that Christians in our country would realize that change for the better would need to come from us - the people - more so than from the leader we had elected.

Repeating the line that so often ends presidents' speeches, I prayed - and will continue to pray each day - that God will, indeed, bless America.

Plead from student to peers: hold one another accountable

The following letter was submitted to The Stamped in response to a post on the campus forums that said Milligan's students, faculty and staff do not act like Christians despite their beliefs. This was originally posted in its entirety on the forums on Dec. 23, but portions have been cut for space.

JAIME MCCONNELL
Guest Columnist

You say that in a Christian community, people should not be judged for what they do. Where does that leave room for accountability? If your parents never disciplined you for doing something wrong when you were younger, what would your life be like now?

God is the same. To talk about judgment and what the Christian thing to do is, then take a look at Achan in Joshua 7 who took some money and a robe from a city that the Israelites had conquered. It says that "the Lord's anger burned against Israel" (Joshua 7:1). It didn't burn against Achan, but the whole group.

Further in the chapter, you'll find that

God's solution to Achan's sin was to kill him and his entire family. After that, God's anger didn't burn against Israel any more.

You may say that an Old Testament story has no place in our lives now because we are New Testament Christians, but it says in the New Testament that God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Am I saying that every time someone screws up at Milligan that we should stone him or her to death? No. Am I saying that the individual should be kicked out of school? No. Can't there be a balance?

I agree that those in positions of leadership on this campus should be held to a higher standard. I believe that it is your job, and no one else's, to bring a

Christian atmosphere to this campus. Until you remove the plank from your own eye, you cannot see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye (Luke 6:42). Are you where you need to be? Look at those around you. Do they need your love and compassion? Do they need you to be praying for them?

Let's start treating our neighbors with love. Let's quit expecting everyone else to be Christians and let's rise to the challenge ourselves. Let's accept the consequences for our sometimes ridiculous actions so we can all move on. Let's start applauding the faculty for being there for us when we need them instead of cutting them down for their mistakes. Let's just start loving one another wholeheartedly and see how this campus changes. Let's start it now.

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Forgotten verse reflection of forgotten love

EMILY BANKS
Guest Columnist

Dear Editor:
Have we forgotten to love at Milligan?

I am not usually very receptive to the type of worship done in the chapel services here at Milligan. On the rare occasion that we sing a familiar hymn like the ones I grew up singing, I open the little-used hymnal in front of me and read the words from it rather than from the projector screen. Usually a verse or two is omitted from the original text in chapel worship. This generally bothers me; however, never as much as the Jan. 13 chapel service.

We were singing a rock and roll version of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy." I, of course, reached for the hymnal as soon as I realized what we were singing. The words printed in the hymnal were written in 1907, nearly 100 years after the music was written. They are not only traditional, but are also still applicable to modern worship. The band followed the musical score closely for the first two verses, with the exception of the added guitars and drums. Rather than singing the third verse, however, we skipped ahead to the fourth verse. Essentially, the three verses that we sang revolved around the same theme: praising God for His Creation. The second verse even goes so far as to call Him the "Center of unbroken praise."

The third verse diverts from this theme. It still praises Him; "Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest/well-spring of the joy of living,

ocean depth of happy rest!" The last two lines are the real difference. These lines tell us to love. "All who live in love are thine," the song affirms. We belong to God if we love. The final line could not be clearer: "Teach us how to love each other." It is a plea to God to allow us to love as He loves.

But here is my question: why was this important verse omitted from the worship service? The act of loving each other is one of the most important aspects of the Christian faith. Certainly, we do not love enough, so why are we not asking God to aid us in correcting this error?

The irony of leaving out the verse about love shocks me further. The

service revolved around the Eucharist, the rite of Communion. By taking part in the Eucharist, we are participating in an act of love. It is symbolic of Jesus' death, a death that occurred because of God's unconditional love for us. It also binds us together in love. There was talk of love in the service, but it was only of love for God. Granted, we should love God, but we should also try to imitate Him. As He loves us, so should we also love each other. Instead of just singing "We love you/We love you/We love you," perhaps we should also sing "Teach us how to love each other."

Peace and Love.
Emily Banks



Catch a Flick!

Bonnie Kate

Are We There Yet?

Rated PG

1hr. 36min.

5:00/7:00/9:00

Elektra

Rated PG-13

1hr. 37min.

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WEEKEND FORECAST Weather

Information from www.weather.com

Friday: High 38, Low 23

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Paint night proves creative success

MEGAN ALLEN
Reporter

Milligan students gathered in SUB7 on Tuesday night to enjoy a night of painting, sponsored by SGA's Arts Council.

The main goal of paint night was to have fun by creating a comfortable environment that encouraged students to freely express their creativity, said junior Stephanie Dalton, chair of arts council.

Participants brought their own canvas and creativity, and Arts Council provided paint, palettes, brushes and snacks.

Last semester the arts council held its first paint night, making Tuesday the second time the event was offered. Tuesday received a larger crowd than the event did in the fall.

"Last time, people came back with really cool paintings so I wanted to try it," said freshman Lindsey Davis.

Several students agreed that they would like to have paint nights more often throughout the semester.

"It needs to be once every month," said senior Gabe Hillman. "My artwork improves with age. Paint on!"

Junior Mallary Jamison said participants might discover a new kind of stress relief, a new talent or a new hobby.

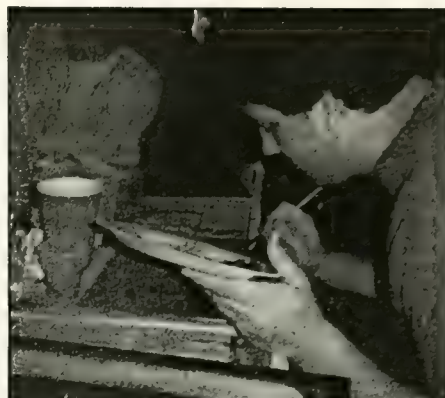
The night welcomed people of all artistic levels and even attracted some newcomers to the world of painting.

"I've never painted before," said junior Hannah Bader who is a Jackson Pollack fan.

"This is like we've created our own Florentine Renaissance," said junior Deke Bowman, a member of SGA who came to participate and to support the SGA sponsored event.

"It was a great idea," said freshman Anna Burbank. "It's fun and therapeutic."

Dalton who enjoys this form of art, had the idea to host the night, and she hopes to have another one in the future.



Sophomore Alex King works on one of many masterpieces created at paint night which was sponsored by SGA's Arts Council.
Andrew Stauffer

'Coach Carter' receives an 'A' for wholesome message

VITAL STATISTICS:

Release Date: January 14, 2005

Rating: PG-13 - violence, sexual content, language, teen partying and some drug material

Running Time: 2 hr. 14 min.

Genre: Drama

Cast: Samuel L. Jackson, Robert Richard, Rob Brown

Director: Thomas Carter

Source: Fandango.com

CLAIRE MILLER
Reporter

Based on a true story, this movie follows one season in the career of an inner-city high school basketball coach whose mission is victory both on and off the court. Coach Carter (Samuel L. Jackson) is portrayed as one of those rare people whose goal is to enhance others' lives by inspiring growth of character in them.

After bringing discipline onto the court and forging a winning team from next to nothing, Carter's bans his players from the court because of their failing academic performance.

The community's outrage proves too strong for the school board, who orders Carter's forced "lockout" to be cancelled, prompting the coach's resignation.

What happens next will surprise you, but you'll have to search the internet for bootleg scripts, because you won't find it

here.

Jackson is a big name in this movie, and some viewers may recognize Rob Brown, who starred as Jamal Wallace in "Finding Forrester." R&B Hip Hop artist Ashanti also stars in the film.

Although most critics have placed the movie within the B C range, it deserves better. This movie is worthy of at least an A-, if not an A, simply because of the fact that it has a wholesome message for students, whether athletes or not.

ANDY MCNEELY & BRIAN ROSSEN
Reporters

Wow! Who would have thought that a Wal-Mart opening would be such a big deal? Despite the early morning hour and the drizzling rain, the community showed up in full force on Wednesday to support one of the largest job and income providers for the township of Elizabethton. The five of us - Brian Rossen, Julie Roche, Janet Dunlop, Andy McNeely and Lauren Flanders - arrived at Wal-Mart at 6:55. The grand opening festivities included prayer by a local Baptist minister, the national anthem, *God Bless America* sung by the Elizabethton High School Women's Choir and ended with the cutting of the red ribbon. Faces including the mayor, local pastors, 33 year veteran employees, and district managers could be seen full of emotion as they participated in what truly was a "Grand Opening." Afterwards, we headed straight to the cash registers, where upon junior Andy McNeely became the first customer to make a purchase - Extra gum - at 7:56:40 a.m., writing himself into the history of Elizabethton forever.



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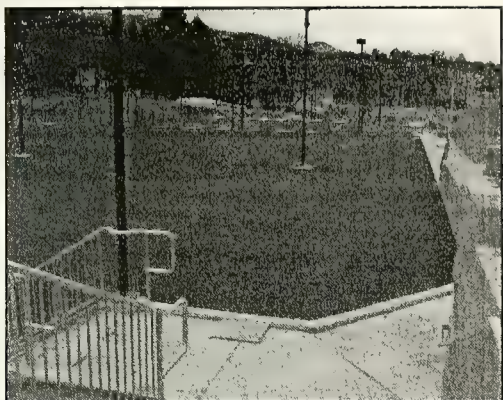
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THE RELOCATION OF THE TENNIS COURTS will clear space for the new campus center that will be built on the site of the existing courts in the middle of campus. C&T Construction, the company in charge of the tennis court project, has scheduled completion of this project for spring/summer of 2005.

NSSE results encourage Milligan

By ANNA GINDLESPERGER
Reporter

Results from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) revealed Milligan College students to be generally more satisfied with their educational experiences than the national average.

NSSE looks beyond the college rankings that one typically finds when investigating the quality of a school's education. The survey targets freshmen and seniors, asking questions intended to measure students' experiences during their years of attendance at a given institution.

The items in the survey are designed to reflect performance of both students and institutions that are considered to be the desired outcomes of a college experience.

Milligan freshmen and seniors both ranked higher than the national average in Active and Collaborative Learning, which covered questions as to how often a student worked with their peers outside the classroom and how often assignments incorporated ideas from different courses.

Milligan also ranked higher than the national average under the category of Enriching Educational Experience, which focused on student engagement outside of academics. Students were asked how often they attended theater productions, performed community service and participated in worship.

Under Supportive Campus Environment, defined by the quality of relationships students have with faculty members and the support students were given to help them to succeed academically, Milligan freshmen and seniors both ranked 8-10 percentage points higher than the national score.

Likewise, Milligan ranked well for Student-Faculty Interaction, measured by discussion about career plans, feedback on academic performance and the depth of student-faculty relationships.

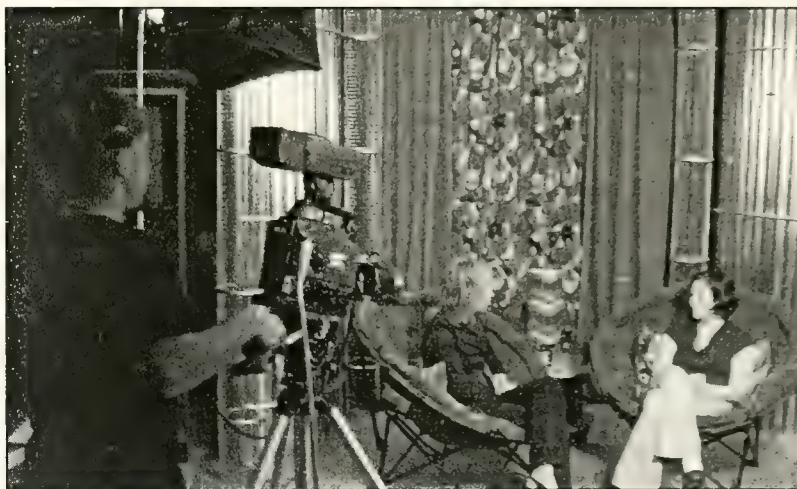
However, some areas of Milligan education are lagging behind.

Under Academic Challenge, freshmen ranked slightly above average while seniors ranked below the national score.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT KICKS OFF TV SHOW

Wired



Junior Cassie Lomison operates the camera for Milligan's new talk show "Wired." Sophomores Amy Goodlet and Shanna Myers are the first candidates for the new show.

Andrew Stauffer

By TIM CASSENS
Reporter

Dr. Carrie Swanay, associate professor of communications, along with seven Milligan students in her broadcast, writing and performance class, have come together to broadcast a weekly Milligan TV show called "Wired," which aired for the first time on Monday.

Swanay said, "It is a magazine-type show that includes feature stories on campus life and related stories of the community."

Swanay will be the executive producer with the help of senior Grant Foster as head editor/co-producer and sophomore Sara Manny as assistant editor.

"We're focusing on upcoming holidays such as Valentine's Day and what students are doing and accomplishing in the community," Foster said.

Before this project could be started, the set, located in the Paxson Communications Building, needed fixed. Swanay said, "We totally revamped the studio set and basically threw out the old

one and started a whole new one. Now the set looks great."

Each show will be 30 minutes in length, and it will be shown repeatedly on Mondays. This will enable all Milligan students living on campus to see it if they tune into channel 97.

As part of the class, each student will participate in every detail of producing the show. Positions will include performing on camera, anchoring, reporting, directing and editing. Foster said being part of this project has taught him how to work in real life situations even though it is in a school-like atmosphere.

According to Swanay, "This will be beneficial to the students by providing portfolio pieces which allows for a greater presentation when trying to get a job."

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COMMUNITY.

Grant Foster



Sophomore Sara Manny operates the camera for the new show "Wired." Manny, assistant editor, helped to revamp the new set. Andrew Stauffer

Where have all the real "fans" gone?



By **RANDALL MOORE**
Sports Columnist

I guess I walked into this one. I didn't realize what I was getting myself into when I enrolled

in a school that was in the middle of two large sporting areas.

To the east we have the Tennessee Volunteers football team, a proud tradition-rich team that owns the 1998 Undisputed National Championship. This team has constantly succeeded year after year, although many question the tactics that Tennessee uses to get players. The following of Tennessee football has reminds me of my home, where 95.8 percent of the residents of Columbus religiously follow the Ohio State Buckeyes. However, when we get into basketball, the hats on top of the students, along with their allegiances, change and they hide their orange and white apparel until August.

When Oct. 15 rolls around and Midnight Madness begins on college campuses around the country, these same Tennessee fans bring out the royal blue of the Duke Blue Devils or the baby blue of the North Carolina Tar Heels, the teams to the northwest.

People often refer to me as a "switch-fan" because I root for Ohio State as well as the Kentucky Wildcats, but there is a huge difference. My first team is Kentucky, and I root for them in both seasons. Ohio State is my second favorite team. However, I've lived in both Kentucky and in Ohio - both for 10 years of my life. How many of the before-mentioned "fans" have even set foot in either Durham or Chapel Hill, N.C.? Not many, I assure you.

This is not supposed to be demeaning, but can I just request one thing? Try and follow Tennessee basketball. I can't stand Tennessee, but I still follow their team. They have exciting players on their team. Did you know that the NCAA's leading 3-point shooter plays for Tennessee? Freshman Chris Lofton, who was voted Mr. Basketball in Kentucky last year - which made him the top high school player in the state, is that player. Most people I have met, however, try and pretend that Tennessee basketball doesn't exist.

For those true fans who follow UNC football or Duke football along with their respective basketball programs, I salute you. But honestly, can anyone name Duke or North Carolina's starting quarterback? I didn't think so, but they could name the starting five on their basketball teams as well as their bench. These fans are good fans, they know their information, but it is misplaced in a team that they wouldn't follow if they weren't good.

This is a plea for all the true fans to step out, become noticed and start following the same teams in each sport. I guess being a Bengals and Reds fan for so long, I finally just realized they have me hooked for life, and yes, the Bengals WILL make the Super Bowl this year.

Sure I have been saying the same thing for 15 straight years now, but one of these days, the Bengals will return to the playoffs, and even though I'm 20 years old and have yet to remember a Bengals playoff game, when that day comes, you better believe I will have 15 years of strife to fire back with.

Phi Alpha Theta inducts record number

By **ERIN BLASINSKI**
Senior Writer

Following a charge to uphold Phi Alpha Theta's Greek meaning of love, humanity and God, 15 Milligan students were inducted into Alpha Iota Tau, the Milligan chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. Phi Alpha Theta is a nationally recognized history honor society. This is the highest number of inductees since the chapter's birth at Milligan in 2001.

"Phi Alpha Theta is a way to join in Milligan's commitment to academic excellence, academic ambition and achievement," Dr. Ted Thomas, faculty sponsor and professor of humanities, history and German said to the inductees.

Thomas described the oldest academic history honor society as a supportive network between practitioners, professors and students of history.

Senior Patrick Mitchell, chapter president and history major, described the goal of Milligan's chapter by saying it attempts to raise awareness of historical events, people and places. The group also sponsors events and activities that bring "understanding of the world and culture that surrounds us, much of which we have not experienced."

Mitchell said the chapter is for students who enjoy studying history. The students who were inducted on Wednesday work very hard, said Mitchell,

and that is one of the reasons so many students joined Phi Alpha Theta this year.

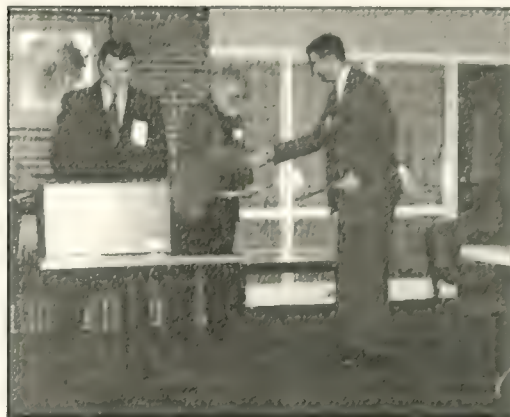
"They have seen the benefits of their hard work, and being a member of Phi Alpha Theta is another reward for that dedication," Mitchell said.

Mitchell notes that many people think history is not interesting, but he challenges those misconceptions.

"I urge them to give history a chance and to understand how important our history is to understanding humanity and its origins," he said.

Milligan's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has four tentatively scheduled excursions over the next three months for its members and others interested in the study of history. Trips include going to Rocky Mount in Piney Flats, Tenn., Cumberland Gap National Park in Kentucky and a four day tour of sites that are significant to the Stone Campbell Movement.

Prior to Wednesday's ceremony, Phi



Chapter president Patrick Mitchell assists Dr. Ted Thomas in the induction of senior Craig Emmert.

Andrew Stauffer

Alpha Theta has honored 16 Milligan students for their work in the area of history. In addition to students, there are six faculty and staff who are also members.

Candidates for membership into Phi Alpha Theta must have completed 12 semester hours of history courses, have a grade point average of 3.1 in history courses and an overall GPA of 3.0.

Track team successful at ETSU competition

By **RENEE REED**
Reporter

The Milligan College track team aimed high and succeeded at East Tennessee State University's track meet last weekend.

"Out of our nine (competitors), we had one win and four top 10 finishes," coach Chris Layne said.

Junior All-American Megan Lease won the 3,000 meters and earned her second national qualifier for the season.

"The track meet went well this past weekend. Everyone seemed to run well, and the competition was right at our level," Lease said.

Milligan's women's distance medley relay team of Marta Zimon, Katie McCarty, Brittany Bales and Lease finished third.

Junior Marta Zimon, also an All-American, finished sixth in the women's mile race with a time of 5:25.60.

Bales also was victorious in her heat of 800 meters with a personal best time of 2:26.07.

Milligan's men were just as impressive. Junior All-American Chris Wright finished seventh in the mile run. Freshman Nathan Bowers ran a new personal best of 9:03.35 in the 3,000 meters while sophomore Jair Collie finished sixth overall.

"The track at ETSU is the same place we race for nationals, so it's a good tune-up," said Layne. "We're inexperienced when it comes to indoor track, but I was encouraged with the way we competed."

Milligan's runners competed against athletes from six other colleges. The other colleges included ETSU, Winthrop, Western Carolina, Davidson, UNC-Asheville and Appalachian State.

Milligan's track team is preparing for its next meet this weekend at the Virginia Tech. Invitational in Blacksburg, Va.

No. 9 Lady Buffs lose to No. 1 ranked Brevard

By **MANDI MOONEY**
Editor-in-Chief

With the end of basketball rapidly approaching, the Lady Buffs basketball team fell to Appalachian Athletic Conference foe Brevard College 62-89 for the second time this season on Tuesday night.

"We didn't play up to our potential as a team," said junior guard Kari Stout.

Brevard, who is ranked No. 1 in the conference, came out strong against No. 9 Milligan. Milligan shot 43 percent from the field in the first half while Brevard

shot just 5 percent above Milligan at 48 percent. However, the Lady Buffs were never able to take control of the ball which gave Brevard a 50-39 lead at the half.

Milligan remained unable to catch up to Brevard in the second half. Brevard's shooting from the court reached 48 percent while Milligan's remained at 35 percent total. Brevard's early lead was too much for the Lady Buffs to overcome.

The Lady Buffs were led by their upperclassmen on Tuesday night. Senior Lacy York had 20 points and eight rebounds. Stout also contributed 14

points. Senior Ann Marie Gardner, who returned to the court last week after sitting the bench for almost a month because of a shoulder injury, added nine points and nine rebounds.

With only four games remaining in their season, the Lady Buffs hope to improve their record which currently stands at 7-19 for the season and 6-13 in the conference.

"We hope to advance in the tournaments as we face up against teams that we fell to earlier in the season," Stout said.

Freshman Brown leads Milligan Buffs to victory

By **CLAIRE MILLER**
Reporter

Thanks to a last-minute shot by freshman Joe Brown, Milligan's men's team defeated the Brevard Tornadoes 69-67 Tuesday night.

The Buffs were ahead 67-64 with 20 seconds remaining in the game when Brevard player Steve Higgins scored a three for the tie.

Brown then drove the ball down the court and scored two points, bringing the game to its final score.

"The coaches have been telling me to take it up the court," said Brown, "I finally just got comfortable with it."

Although Brevard tried to salvage some points from in the remaining 4.1 seconds, they were unable to score, thus sealing Milligan's victory over the Tornadoes.

Coach Wallingford said that the Tornadoes, who were tied with Milligan for first in the conference before their match with Milligan, gave the team a strong game.

"We were creating offense for them by not taking care of the ball," said Wallingford of Milligan's 18 turnovers. Brevard, who also struggled to keep possession of the ball, had 25 turnovers.

Freshman Yony Kifle was Milligan's leading scorer with 17 points, followed by Brown with 14 and senior Todd Davis with 12.

The Buffs (15-12) take to their home court for the final time this season on Saturday night against Montreat College (N.C.).

The science of senioritis: lost in space

BY MISSIE MILLS
Managing Editor

The word senioritis sounds like a disease, something you catch. Something you would study in a science lab, yes? That's why I put my science courses off until my senior year.

Actually, that's not true. I intended to take biology at ETSU this summer. That didn't work because I had five jobs including my internship at the Johnson City Press. Well, that and the class would have cost \$2,000. So I've had to fulfill my requirements here at Milligan during my senior year. While my friends are taking folk dancing and skiing, I'm dissecting a pig. Great.

You know, the beauty of a liberal arts college is that you get to dabble in all areas and see what you like. You have to try psychology, ethnic studies, math courses and sciences. Ohh, and let's not forget good ole' Humanities. Once you choose the courses and major you like, you also realize what you do not like or are simply not good at. This is the case with me and biology. We are not friends; we don't get along.

I had Advanced Placement Biology in high school and did pretty well with it. Not well enough to pass the AP exam, but I got through it. I figured that I had a good shot at remembering at least some of the information I learned four years ago. I figured wrong.

One of the only things I remembered from that

course was the Kingdom Protista. I know what a Protozoan looks like on a sheet of paper. That, and I can identify the organelles of a cell. Yep, that basically sums up all I remembered. Terrific.

The lecture part of biology is interesting for a senior. No offense to you clever people who are taking the course in your first two years like everyone should, but it's tricky to sit in between two freshmen after sitting in 400 level courses with other seniors. And to make it worse, you guys had biology within the last two years. That's slightly more favorable than my four years displaced from any science class.

Labs are worse. You are required to dissect a pig. Their organs are basically in the same place as human organs, which is interesting. But I'm squeamish. I mean, while my lab partner did all of the work on our pig, I ran out of the room and puked. Not cool.

That's okay. I scathed by in biology with a B- that I was proud of. My parents weren't as proud, but they didn't puke over a pig, so it's okay.

Now I'm in Earth and Space. I figured, hey, I like planets, telescopes and galaxy talk. I was an avid Star Trek: The Next Generation fan for years. This should be fun. I underestimated the power of physics in the class. I was never good at physics! I like stars, not vectors! What a misleading title for a class! What have I gotten myself into?

Luckily I have some patient classmates who are kind enough to tutor me in Earth and Space. It's difficult for me to do well in my communications classes then need so much help in science. I'm learning telescopes, physics and humility all at once. Who knew being a senior could be so humbling?

What's really humbling is walking into the wrong science class. Hyder is set up as a labyrinth. It's one big circle, and the rooms connect to each other. Actually, I can liken it to Roan Street. Almost every road in Johnson City is called Roan Street, while only one of them is actually Roan. If you find out which one it is, will you please fill me in? Even after four years here, I'm in the dark. Thanks.

Back to Hyder, I get lost in there every time I enter. I have no idea how to get to my lab. And the worst part is, there are plenty of science majors who do know their way around. I'm too embarrassed to ask for directions, so I usually back out of the room and scurry away. I'm pathetic.

Basically, I urge and encourage you to take your science credits as soon as possible. Like next semester, if you haven't done it yet. I wish I had taken mine during my freshman year, when I actually remembered some biology and physics. In the meantime, I'm fighting my way towards graduation. Three months of senioritis, my friends, three months.



Prank 101: a nocturnal art form

BY DEKE BOWMAN
Guest Columnist

As students woke up and headed to the chapel on a Thursday morning last semester, they looked up to see something unusual in the steeple of Seeger Chapel: the infamous buffalo that has been at the forefront of Milligan pranks throughout the years.

This is an example of the classic pranks that have become part of Milligan's history. Pranks are a time-honored tradition at Milligan College, as well as on campuses across the nation. Pranks come in all kinds of packages and include a wide array of people.

Imagine it is 3 a.m. on the campus of Milligan. What is really going on? That's right. Pranks.

Pranks are the nocturnal art form. Professor of history and humanities Dr. Tim Dillon as well as Drs. Lee and Pat Magness, Britton professor of Bible and professor of humanities and English, respectively, have woken up to find the buffalo in their yards.

The best criteria for a good prank can be discovered by talking with Milligan's past and present pranksters.

Generally speaking, there are two types of pranksters: those who follow an unspoken etiquette and those who will stop at nothing for a laugh.

Pranks are also targeted at different people or groups. They can be targeted at an individual - like the traditional creaking, an event that occurs after a person gets engaged - or at an institution - like Milligan.

Pranks, however, are also ruled by etiquette. The most important factor is how much money it will cost to undo the damage that has been done. Generally there is a respect paid to an individual or organization to not cause an unreasonable economic burden.

"A prank is funnier when no permanent damage results," Joe Wise, director of development and church relations, said.

In a prank performed by Dillon and several others years ago, old used tires

were stacked up the flagpole, thinking it would be relatively easy to fix. And it would have been, had the steel-belted tires not had to be pulled off by a cherry picker one-by-one.

Although Dillon's may have been a good prank, it was low on etiquette because of the added financial burden on the college to rent a cherry picker and to have an employee remove the tires.

The second aspect of prank etiquette is simply that people shouldn't know who perpetrated the prank, said Tim Ross, senior minister at Hopwood Memorial Christian Church.

There should be a general consensus to keep the occurrence quiet despite what people might know.

Ben Lee, youth minister at Hopwood Memorial Christian Church, recollected a time when former Dean of Students Dean Derry was able to stop a prank before it occurred.

Lee and a few other students were going to copy a key, a prank they had only talked about between themselves. Later on in the week, Derry called them into his office to see if a key had actually been

made.

The next major piece of etiquette is to gauge the response of the administrators. Looking at their sense of humor and how much of a joke they may be able to take before carrying out it out may affect the prank.

Finally, one of the most important pieces of etiquette is actually more a piece of advice. A person must ask what a prank is worth and why it is being done. Is there an absolutely comical response desired, or is a satirical element included in order to draw attention to something in hopes of inflicting a change? The goal is to reproduce a time-honored classic or to do something new and creative.

When all these factors and guidelines of etiquette come together, pranks truly become art. Behind a good prank lies a truly great prankster.

"The key to a good prank is to have fun without hurting anyone or anything while being creative," said Facilities Service Manager Jonathon Robinson.

The Stampede does not condone any type of pranks on Milligan's campus.



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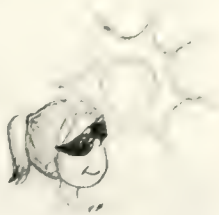
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The M&M's take on: "Napoleon Dynamite"

Mandi Mooney/Missie Mills

"Napoleon Dynamite" is the newly released movie of choice for students across Milligan's campus. Everyone is talking about it, quoting it, watching it during open dorm nights.

Napoleon Dynamite, the main character, lives with his grandma, who leads a life more exciting than Napoleon, and 32-year-old brother Kip, who does not have a job and spends his days talking in chat rooms on the Internet. Along with the help of his friend Deb, Napoleon campaigns to help his best friend Pedro become the student body president of their high school.

Cast of Characters

Jon Heder..... Napoleon Dynamite

Jon Gries..... Uncle Rico

Aaron Ruell..... Kip

Efren Ramirez... Pedro

Tina Majorino... Deb

Rated: PG for mild thematic elements and brief language
Runtime: 82 minutes

Genre: Comedy

Directed by: Jared Hess

Q: What did you think of the plotline?

A: Mills - It's just like Seinfeld - there isn't a plotline. But that's okay, watching Napoleon get beat up is a pretty strong theme throughout the movie. That's enough of a plot for most people to enjoy.

A: Mooney - What plotline!??? There wasn't one! I kept thinking over and over as the movie progressed that eventually I would start to see a plot. However, after 80 minutes, no plotline ever revealed itself, and I was left wondering what on earth had just happened. I still have no idea what time period this movie was even set in!

Q: What specific part struck you the most?

A: Mills - I think the part where Kip and Napoleon go to Rex-Kwan-Do is really funny. First of all, Kip is too lazy to rollerblade into town. He asks Napoleon to pull him into town, which Napoleon does! Napoleon rides his bike with Kip following behind attached to a rope and riding his rollerblades. Then, when the Dynamite brothers are at the training session, Kip gets called on to demonstrate some Rex-Kwan-Do moves. He can't get them right, and basically gets beat up. The director's commentary on this scene is worth watching.

A: Mooney - The part that I truly did enjoy is the scene near the end of the movie when Napoleon dances on stage in front of the entire school in order to help his best friend Pedro. Not only do I have to admire him for getting up on stage and doing something so potentially embarrassing, but the dance he did was just simply hysterical!

Q: Who was your favorite character and why?

A: Mills - Kip is definitely my favorite character. He's an idiot. He's thinner than Lara Flynn Boyle could ever hope

to be, and yet he still wants to be a cage fighter. And to top it all off, he has a weasely voice. Kip stays at home all day talking online (while paying per minute) to girls - ones who must not have seen his picture. His best line is, "Your mom goes to college." Yeah, he obviously didn't.

A: Mooney - I would have to say that my favorite character was Napoleon's friend Deb. Like the other characters, she was very odd but sweet at the same time. She was a true friend to Napoleon.

Q: What grade would you give it?

A: Mills - A+ for quotability, if nothing else. You have to go into it with an open mind - if you listen to the lines and see how pathetic all of the characters are, I don't see how you can dislike this film.

A: Mooney - I would give it a C+. Although I did not enjoy it, the movie was at least an original idea.

Q: What was your overall opinion?

A: Mills - Napoleon Dynamite is hilarious! It's great to watch with a group of people. My family is obsessed with it, which brings me to another point. My grandmother could watch this movie and not bat an eye at it - there are no profanities or adult themes. The most risqué thing in the movie is Napoleon's dancing, and that is comparable to John Travolta in Saturday Night Fever but less perverted. It's simply a clean, funny, quotable movie that I recommend you watch.

A: Mooney - I had heard so many rave reviews from fellow students about this movie. Many said it was one of the best movies they had ever seen. I guess I had such high expectations that when I finally saw "Napoleon Dynamite" I didn't really care for it. Give me an action-packed film like "The Day After Tomorrow!"



Sophomore Emily Hand and Melissa Gilleland enjoy art from Milligan's students at the Nelson Art Gallery in downtown Johnson City last Friday. The show, which consists of work by 26 students, will remain in the gallery throughout February.

Alice Anthony

■ NSSE results continued

Milligan scored well on the majority of sub-points covered under Academic Challenge, topics dealing with broad general education, thinking analytically and the extent that experience at the institution has helped students acquire job or work-related skills.

What brought down the school's standing was the sub-point that addressed the number of papers or reports students are required to write.

On a scale ranging from one to five, with one representing none and five representing 20 or more, neither freshmen nor seniors reached a three for the number of written reports fewer than five pages.

Using the same scale, Milligan students scored just over two for the number of written reports consisting of 5-19 pages, and the number drops further for the number of written reports that exceeded twenty pages: Both freshmen and seniors scored just over one.

According to NSSE's website, the survey "is designed to obtain... information from scores of colleges and universities nationwide about student participation in programs and activities that institutions provide for their learning and personal development."

The goal is that results from this survey will give colleges an idea of what benefits undergraduates gain from having attended college.

Full results of the survey can be found on Milligan's web site under Academics.

Going once, going twice, sold!

BY CLAIRE MILLER
Reporter

In November, a 10-year-old grilled cheese sandwich sold for \$28,000 on Ebay.

According to the Associated Press, the woman who sold the sandwich claimed it resembled the face of the Virgin Mary.

Whether you believe the sandwich looks like Mary or not, you may want to bid on some less expensive items in convocation on Tuesday.

At this convocation, eighteen faculty/groups of faculty will put their time and food up for auction, according to Tim Cassens, junior class president. Students will be able to bid on their favorite professors and snag a meal while contributing to the Junior/Senior banquet.

Dr. Lori Mills, associate professor of psychology, was auctioned off last year and will be up for bid again this year. "My husband and I and our boys love having students over to the house," she said. "I hate that students are paying to come over, but I'm glad the juniors are able to raise money this way!"

The auction will be hosted by Dr. Bill Greer and Dr. Bob Mahan, associate professor of economics and business and associate professor of accounting,

respectively. Cassens said it "will be hysterical."

Cassens advised students to, "Come prepared with a group already, pick 4 or 6 or 8 people and know what you want to bid with them." Last year's auction raised around \$2,000 dollars, Cassens said.

Who knows, you may be able to score some grilled cheese after all.

ON THE AUCTION BLOCK

- Dr. Montgomery
- Dr. Roberts
- Dr. Mills
- The Drs. Magness
- Greer and Mahan
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Most professors will host between 4-8 students.

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NSSE challenges Milligan to improve academics

By ANNA GINDLESPERGER
Assistant Editor

While the results from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) study showed Milligan to be excelling in many areas compared to the national average, the school still lags behind in Academic Challenge.

NSSE, designed to analyze students' experiences during college, determines a school's ranking for Academic Challenge by the number of books read, the number of papers written and the bringing of ideas from different courses together.

Milligan ranked low for the numbers of papers freshmen and seniors write during a semester.

On a scale ranging from one to five, with one representing none and five representing 20 or more, neither freshmen nor seniors reached a three for the number of written reports fewer than five pages.

Also, Milligan students scored just over two for the number of written reports consisting of five to 19 pages, and the number drops further for the number of written reports that exceeded twenty pages: both groups scored just over one.

"Writing requirements are certainly a matter of concern," said Mark Matson, academic dean.

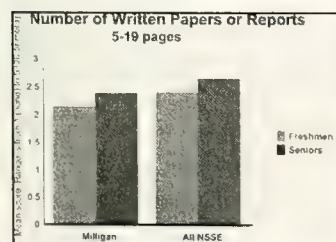
This problem is currently being addressed but not necessarily with changes in curriculum.

"Faculty were encouraged to consider their writing requirements, and various areas of the college are talking about how to incorporate more writing," said Dr. Pat Magness, professor of humanities.

"We will encourage faculty to increase the number and size of required papers," Matson said, "and then see if that has an effect."

The school is also weak in the area of encouraging contact among students from different economic, social and ethnic backgrounds, but this issue is more difficult to address.

"We have a homogenous population—white, middle-class, Christian," Matson said. "While it would be nice to move quickly on getting more people of color and/or different socio-economic backgrounds, the reality is that will take time and be very difficult."



let's get cookin'



Members of the student team, junior Eric England, senior Jessica Conn and senior Justin Peyton, begin creating their prize-winning fajitas.



Assistant Professor of Accounting Bob Mahan prepares the faculty team's entrée of cabbage, marinara sauce and shrimp for the judges of Milligan's "Iron Chef" competition on Wednesday night. Despite the team's excellent presentation, the faculty team was defeated by the student team.

Andrew Stauffer

Students out-cook faculty

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

The annual International Night in the McCormick Dining Center took on a new form Wednesday when the student team defeated the faculty team in Milligan's own version of "Iron Chef."

"It was a lot of fun, and I love to cook," said junior Eric England who was a member of the student team. "I actually collect cookbooks."

The event, organized by Director of Food Services Dave Taylor after the Food Network hit television show "Iron Chef," was held during dinner Wednesday and attended by students, faculty, members of the community and three judges.

"We did a similar thing at a management conference I attended back in December," said Taylor.

The two teams consisted of four members each. On the student team was England, along with seniors Katy Head, Jessica Conn and Justin Peyton. The faculty team consisted of Director of Student Success Traci Smith, Associate Professors of Accounting Bob Mahan, Associate Professor of Economics and

Business Bill Greer and Melodie Perry, office manager for the business faculty.

Teams were given ingredients just ten minutes before the beginning of the competition. They were then allotted 25 minutes to successfully create whatever entrée and side dish they chose. The student team created fajitas with mushrooms, onions and red peppers along with stuffed peppers.

"Watching the Food Network for five years finally paid off!" England said. "I would definitely do it again."

On the other side of the competition, the faculty team made "Shrimp a la Fox," which consisted of cabbage, marinara sauce and shrimp. To accompany their entrée, they added a salad with a Tuscan dressing.

"This was a great chance to be out with the students after hours," said Greer and Mahan.

Taylor brought in three restaurateurs from Johnson City restaurants to be the esteemed judges for the contest. They included Julia Hanneken from Atlanta Bread Company, Allen Howell from Dixie

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RANDALL'S RAMBLINGS

In light of recent steroid allegations, Griffey a welcome change

By RANDALL MOORE
Sports Columnist

I'm sure everyone has heard about the latest news: There's steroid usage going on in baseball. All I have to say to that is, no kidding.

National League MVP of 1996 Ken Caminiti admitted to using steroids in a Sports Illustrated article two years ago, and late last year he passed away from a heart attack. Steroids were one of the first items thought of in regards to Caminiti's death.

Look at Barry Bonds in 1989, when he came into the league, versus now. Mark McGwire hit 70 homeruns in 1998, using a then legal supplement called Andro. Sammy Sosa has been caught using a corked bat in games. The three more prolific home run hitters of the last 20 years are now faced with the question of how far did they go to be the best?

In spite of all these allegations, there remains a shining light, and his name is Ken Griffey Jr. Remember him, winning the home run derby every year while playing for Seattle, known as "The Kid" for the way he always smiled and just played the game for fun. Griffey has fallen off the map lately because of untimely injuries the past four years that have seen him averaging only 111 games played throughout the four years.

In 2004, Griffey was voted in as an all-star starter after hitting 20 homeruns and driving in over 60 runs in half a season. However, his injury bug hit him again, and he was unable to participate in any All-Star game festivities. Soon after the All-Star break, Griffey was lost for another year because of injuries that included torn hamstrings and sprained ankles.

When you look at Griffey now versus 5 years ago there is no drastic change like there is with Bonds. Griffey currently weighs 218 pounds, only 17 pounds over his rookie weight of 201 back in 1990. Bonds on the other hand, weighs in 43 pounds heavier than when he broke into the big leagues.

Griffey had many masterful seasons, including hitting 56 home runs in 1998. While he finished a distant third to Sosa and McGwire, the truth that Griffey has never been on any illegal substance makes his 56 more impressive than McGwire's 70 of 1998 or Bonds 73 of 2002.

Even though Ken Griffey Jr. has endured many trying seasons, this year is the year to root for him. You know he goes out there and plays based on his God-given talent and ability. You know he is going to play his hardest every game, and if he gets hurt again, he gets hurt again. Baseball needs a healthy season by Ken Griffey Jr. to help get past this talk of steroids, and watching him return to the form of "The Kid" will bring a smile to true baseball fans everywhere.

Softball splits season opener

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

After a disappointing rain cancellation on Monday, the Milligan College women's softball team opened its long-awaited spring season with a win (9-0) and a loss (2-3) to conference rival King College on Wednesday afternoon.

"It's a win for us, but I wasn't pleased with (the team's) performance," said head coach Wes Holly. "It's our first game out but that's no excuse (for losing)."

Senior Traci Harrison started off the season for the Lady Buffs on the pitcher's mound. Harrison allowed one hit before sending King into the field and bringing Milligan up to its first bat. Freshman short stop Heather Poindexter led off for the Lady Buffs and provided an example of what was to come when she crossed home plate, giving Milligan its first of many runs.

The runs continued to come in, bringing the score to 5-0 after two full innings. In the third inning, King held Milligan from acquiring any runs by catching three consecutive fly balls to end the inning. The Lady Buffs came back in the fourth inning with a vengeance, nearly doubling their score with four additional runs to bring the game to a close.

The second game of the afternoon played out differently than the first.

"After the first game, (the team) lost focus," Holly said. "They got flat."

Both teams went two innings without scoring a single run. In the third inning, King finally earned their first run of the day when freshman center fielder Courtney Brooks hit a home run over the left-field fence. King increased their lead when they scored again in the fourth



Senior Brooke Davis rounds third base and heads for home plate during the fourth inning of the Lady Buffs second game against King College on Wednesday.

Andrew Stauffer

inning. Milligan answered back with two runs of their own in the fourth from freshman center fielder Cassidy Sigars and senior first baseman Brooke Davis.

The score remained tied at two for the rest of regular play.

"We didn't hit up to our potential," said Holly.

In an extra inning, the teams started with a player already on second base according to the International Rule. The extra runner was enough of an advantage for King as they made a run off two hits to give them the lead over the Lady Buffs. Milligan's attempts to grab another run

were met with resistance, giving King the win 3-2.

"They lost focus," said Holly. "and it's my job to get them refocused. We've got to go back to the drawing board."

The Lady Buffs were scheduled to play Thursday afternoon but the game was cancelled due to rain, a common problem at the beginning of a season. Milligan hosts Montreat College (N.C.) on Saturday and heads to Union College (Ky.) on Sunday.

"We've got a lot of work to do this season," said Holly. "We've got to play every inning, pitch by pitch, out by out."

FCA meeting encourages athletes to be evangelists

By TIM CASSENS
Reporter

Milligan's chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes met Feb. 16 in the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse to gather athletes in a praise service. FCA is an organization run on school campuses nationwide to encourage athletes so they can witness to others in the sports arenas where they play.

"This is the fifth time we have had FCA, and tonight we had about 40 to 50 people here. It was a really good crowd," said junior Allison Murray, the coordinator of Milligan's FCA events.

This service was similar to a vespers

service at Milligan, with a time of praise and worship and a speaker. "Our athletes choose not to go to vespers because our campus gives them a negative outlook. They don't feel welcome," said Murray.

The service included an opening prayer by Murray, a promotional video for FCA with commentary by area director Steve McCauley, worship led by Isaac Schade, Kenny Laughters and Lindsey Porter and a devotion by Milligan alumnus Brian Davis.

Davis' message challenged athletes to be evangelists in their sports, even though some athletes may not be good at it. Davis said, "Evangelism is to live and love those

around you, and if you don't do anything else, at least love one another."

"I thought the worship was uplifting, and Brian seemed genuine with what he had to say. I appreciate Allison's efforts to get everyone enthusiastic about (FCA)," said junior tennis player Joe Dyer.

Members of the basketball, softball, soccer, tennis and volleyball teams attended the event.

"I thought it went really well," said Murray, "and I'm happy with what Brian had to say because he spoke from his heart without being too deep or too shallow. He wanted to tell people you need to show your teammates that you love them."

Five Milligan track runners qualify for national championship

By ELIZABETH ROUGEUX
Reporter

The cold, windy weather didn't keep Milligan's track team from competing and laying it all out this past weekend. The men's and women's teams both participated in the VIC/King Indoor-Outdoor track meet, accumulating wins and new personal records all over the board.

"This was our last chance to qualify for nationals," said freshman Katie McCarty. "It was a great way to finish out a season."

McCarty, who ran in only the 200 meter race on Saturday, finished first in

her heat and second overall with a time of 27:82.

Freshmen Brittany Bales and Lindsey Davis set personal records in the 800 meters. Bales clocked in at 2 minutes, 24 seconds and Davis at 2:28.

Other winners for Milligan were sophomore Jair Collie and freshman Nate Bowers. Collie qualified for nationals in the 1,000 meters with a time of 2:34. Bowers came out on top of the 1,600.

"It was a great win for Nate," said teammate junior Chris Wright.

Wright did not compete because of illness. However, he ran alongside Bowers for three laps, pacing him

throughout the race.

Freshman teammate Erica Fox was also there to encourage the runners and cheer from the sidelines.

"I didn't run today, but I love running and it's exhilarating, so I was just there to cheer them on," said Fox.

Collie joins Bowers, Wright, and juniors Megan Lease and Marta Zimon as qualifiers for the NAIA Indoor National Championships which will be held next weekend at East Tennessee State University.

Coach Chris Layne was not available for comment at The Stampede's press time.

5-year-old attends college, moves into dorm

BY MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

Did you know that there is a 5-year-old living in Hart Hall? Her name is Amy and, according to the calendar, Amy is only 5 years old. Seriously.

In reality, junior Amy Batchelor is turning 21 on Feb. 29. However, there is no Feb. 29 on this year's calendar. That's because this year is not a leap year. As leap year only comes once every four years, Amy has only celebrated her actual birthday five times.

"(When it's not a leap year), I either celebrate it on (Feb.) 28 or March 1," Amy

said. "It's not all that different. I still get a birthday, and my parents still give me presents."

In fact, most people do not even comprehend that Amy is a leap-year baby unless she tells them.

"They think (Feb. 29 is) a normal day," Amy said. "They don't realize until I actually say I was born on leap day. Most people tell me they've never met anyone born on leap day before."

Nevertheless, because last year was a leap year, Amy was able to celebrate her real birthday.

"We just had a regular birthday

party," Amy said, "with presents, birthday cake, family and friends."

Many leap year babies actually plan huge parties to celebrate their special leap year birthday.

According to The Honor Society of Leap Year Babies, only four million people in the world - roughly six percent of the world's population - have been born on leap day, with 200,000 of that number in the United States.

The method of adding one day to the calendar every four years began in the fourteenth century when the seasons were slowly creeping out of place, evident

through the early appearance of solstices and equinoxes. As most students learn this slow creep occurs because each year is actually 365 25 days. The addition, which became official under Pope Gregory in 1582, stopped the change of seasons.

The addition, however, leaves four million people across the world who drive at age four, go to college at age five, get married at age six and have children at age seven.

"I think it's kind of fun," Amy said. "I get to celebrate both days. It makes me unique."

Senior reflects on growth through Spiritual Renewal

BY CRYSTAL VANMETER
Guest Columnist

As a senior here at Milligan, I have been a part of three Spiritual Renewal Weeks. Each one has been unique with different purposes, ideas and people involved. This year, as chair of vespers, SRW was sort of given to me to plan and sort out.

One goal of this week was to present five nights of worship for the student body- five nights to pause from our busy lives to worship through song, scripture, prayer and conversation. I prayed hard for God to provide a speaker that would impact Milligan in this way. Ethan Magness came to mind with no reservations. All of my interactions with

him have been both inspiring and challenging. He has a gift and passion for sharing God's message with students which was evident throughout this week.

The committee selected Grace as the theme for a few reasons: Not only was this theme presented to the incoming freshmen last fall, but it is something that we as Christians truly seek to understand.

This week has been challenging only in the sense that we are attempting to explain grace in a way that is true and pure, all the while discovering our own need of grace within the planning. Being a part of vespers and campus ministry has been a blessing in my life. It has allowed God to grow me in ways I never imagined.

One thing I've seen that sets SRW

apart from other settings is the burning desire within the attendees to hear God's message. The people who have been a part of the worship really display a desire to glorify God in their lives. This is encouraging to me, Ethan and those involved in SRW.

Throughout the week Ethan reiterated that God does not accept us as we are. God takes us as we are, but God refuses to leave us that way. If God accepted us as we are, we wouldn't need grace. Jesus wouldn't have been necessary.

This week has left me feeling drained, but I think that is a good thing. I hope others are drained as well. It is overwhelming - but alas - so is God's grace.



Students could be found lounging on the floor of SUB 7 during Spiritual Renewal Week. Services were held each night, Sunday through Thursday, with student-led worship and sermons by Ethan Magness.

Andrew Stauffer

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● Editorial Cartoons ●

Cooking continued

BBQ and Hoovy McGart from Bardonia, Southwestern Grille and Cantina.

"We're really grateful they were willing to come and take time out of their restaurant businesses during such a busy time as dinner and help us out," said Taylor.

"After much deliberation and discussion by the judges, Howell announced the students as the winners.

"The faculty's presentation was wonderful," said Howell, "but the rest was pretty bland. The students' food tasted great."

"The odds were stacked against us," said Greer and Mallan. "Clearly, our students spend too much time cooking and eating and not enough time studying."

The winning team was awarded prizes that included certificates to restaurants throughout the Tri-Cities area and Frisbees.

"We will continue this so look for it again next year," Taylor said.



Catch a Flick!

Bonnie Kate

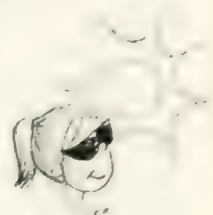
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The M&M's Take On: The Oscars

MANDI MOONEY/MISSIE MILLS
Editor-in-Chief/Managing Editor

The Academy Awards began in 1929 at the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood, Calif. After an executive director of the academy voiced her opinion in the 1930s that the statue given to the winners looked like her Uncle Oscar, the statue came to be called The Oscar.

Each year, up to 25 different awards are given out in honor of an outstanding performance or work by an individual or group. This year's ceremony, which will be hosted by actor/comedian Chris Rock, will be held at The Kodak Theatre in Hollywood on Sunday night.

Editor-in-Chief Mandi Mooney and Managing Editor Missie Mills take on this prestigious award show and offer their predictions in two principal categories.

Actor in a Leading Role

Don Cheadle - "Hotel Rwanda"
Johnny Depp - "Finding Neverland"
Leonardo DiCaprio - "The Aviator"
Clint Eastwood - "Million Dollar Baby"
Jamie Foxx - "Ray"

Mills: I'm choosing Jamie Foxx for his performance in "Ray." He was sold to the part which made him believable, something many actors envy. Foxx is a rare individual because he is so versatile. He sings, he acts and he is funny. I hope the Oscars reward him for his talent.

Mooney: Each and every one of these men has proven themselves in their roles so I have a hard time voting for just one of them. My school-girl heart tells me to lend my support to DiCaprio simply because I was in love with him in middle school (as I am sure many other Milligan girls were) and still feel he was robbed of this award back in 1998 for his role in "Titanic." On the other hand, it is hard to ignore Cheadle and the role he undertook to help the world remember the genocide in Rwanda. So I must ignore my heart and vote for Don Cheadle.

Actress in a Leading Role

Annette Bening - "Being Julia"
Catalina Sandino Moreno - "Maria Full of Grace"
Imelda Staunton - "Vera Drake"
Hilary Swank - "Million Dollar Baby"
Kate Winslet - "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"

Mills: Honestly, I have not seen any of these films. I have seen the previews, if that counts. No? OK, well then I'll have to trust what other people tell me, and that is that Swank will take this Oscar.

Mooney: Both DiCaprio and Winslet made comebacks from their roles in "Titanic" to be nominated for Oscars in the same year. In my opinion, this category is truly a race between Swank and Winslet. Despite the fact that I liked every movie Winslet has made, I feel that Swank is going to take the award. I believe the academy is going to award her for the hard work and determination needed to portray a female boxer.



In crowd-pleasing cheerleading stunt labeled the "Diamond," junior Josh Kaminsky lifts junior David Bielik on his shoulders as Bielik lifts freshman Danae Carroll and senior Ashley Lakins from the floor.

Submitted by Ashley Lakins

Future of cheerleading squad up "in the air"

MISSIE MILLS
Managing Editor

Five members of the Milligan College cheerleading squad are graduating in May, leaving the group unsure of its future.

"I don't think there's going to be a squad," said freshmen cheerleader Danae Carroll. "We won't have anyone to be in charge of it because there's no faculty member - no program besides what Ashley (Lakins) is setting up."

Senior Ashley Lakins is currently in charge of the group. "I am considered the volunteer cheerleading coach," she said. "There is not technically a faculty sponsor. I report directly to Mark Fox, if needed."

Former Director of Student Life Danielle Booth served as faculty sponsor for the group in the past. After Booth left in 2004, no one replaced her as sponsor.

This year, Lakins alone has led the team. "Ashley did a good job - she did it

all. She ordered (uniforms), organized and emailed teachers when we had to miss class," Carroll said. "They don't have anyone to take that position, so if someone wanted to cheer, I don't even know if they could."

A captain has not been assigned for next year; however, junior Josh Kaminsky said that if there is a team, he will likely be co-captain with junior David Bielik. "We will obviously be having tryouts next year, and if we can get enough interest, we will have a squad next year. But if we don't have enough interest, there's not much we can do," Kaminsky said. "We can't have a squad of five people. It would be a waste of time."

Recruiting cheerleaders is a difficult task because they receive no compensation. "The thing is that we didn't have much interest this past year," Kaminsky said, "and a lot of that is due to the fact that you have to give up so much of your time, and you don't get anything

back. We don't have any scholarships - you have to do this for free."

Carroll said that to raise the number of cheerleaders, Milligan should offer scholarships, recruit members and give the team money. "We got new uniforms this year, but we still had to pay for shoes, T-shirts, bloomers and sweatshirts," she said. "They gave us bags and warm-ups, but we don't get to keep the uniforms - probably paid about \$100."

Another challenge they will face is the loss of two male team members, Grant Foster and Matt Fogle. Kaminsky said this affects the team's strength.

"We did all our stunts with guys, and now two of the four are leaving," Carroll said.

Other graduating seniors are Eveleigh Hatfield and Rachel Wright.

This year's squad improved over the last year. "Overall, it was good for what we were given, but it has potential to be more if we get effort, talent," Carroll said.

International Business Institute takes one Milligan student abroad

RENEE REED
Reporter

Milligan junior Tim Cassens and Milligan business and economics professor Dr. Bill Greer will explore the field of European business and economics from May 25 through Aug. 4 as they participate in the International Business Institute.

The program seeks to encourage the integration of academic study with the international experience, according to the

organization's Web site.

"This is a very rigorous program," Greer said. "Many students apply but very few are accepted."

To apply, a semester of accounting, management and marketing, and a year of economics, were required. A minimum GPA of 2.75 was also necessary.

Students in the program will travel to various countries including: Sweden, Russia, Germany, France and Switzerland.

They will attend four semester

courses that will count for 10 credit hours toward their undergraduate degrees.

Greer will speak at several seminars and teach a Comparative Economics class with Dr. Vincent LaFrance from Messiah College in Pennsylvania.

"I have been looking forward to this trip ever since I first heard about it a year ago," said Cassens. "I hope to gain a greater understanding of the area of business through an international perspective."



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Milligan lacks honor code prevalent at other colleges

By ANNA GINDLESPIERGER
Assistant Editor

Duke. Princeton. Harvard. Yale. What do these schools have that Milligan, also a liberal arts school, does not? An academic honor code.

"It strikes me that a Christian college ought to be the first place to have an honor code," said Academic Dean Mark Matson.

Duke University's undergraduate honor code states, "An essential feature of Duke University is its commitment to integrity and ethical conduct Instilling a sense of honor, and of high principles that extend to all facets of life, is an inherent aspect of a liberal education."

The honor code of Duke University not only states that students "will not lie, cheat or steal in their academic endeavors," but also that they "will forthrightly oppose each and every instance of academic dishonesty."

Matson envisions a similar code for Milligan, one that would not only prohibit cheating and plagiarism but also hand the responsibility of enforcing the code to the student body itself. Consequences for breaking the code could range from an F on a paper to suspension or, for repeat offenders, expulsion.

The idea of implementing an academic honor code has been brought up many times over Matson's six years as academic dean; however, nothing as yet has come of the attempts. At least two drafts have been submitted to the Student Government Association during these six years, and both times they have been denied.

"The only way it's going to happen is if (the student body) decides to adopt an honor code and then decide to embrace it and live by it," said Matson. "The concept of honor code puts the burden on the students as a whole to take the responsibility, so that means SGA and students have to buy into it. I'm not going to pass an honor code that's simply administrative."

Currently, SGA Academic Affairs Chairperson Carrie Mayes has brought the issue up for discussion again and has taken it the furthest of any previous attempt under Matson's supervision. No one before Mayes took the initiative to draw up a written draft of an academic honor code. However, Matson refused to approve it because he said it didn't have any substance behind it.

Her draft reflected what she believes to be the majority opinion held on campus; while plagiarism and cheating may be wrong, students are not willing to report friends for having violated these rules.

"While I personally agree with Dean Matson, I felt it was possibly unethical to use my position as SGA academic affairs chairperson to enact a policy that is not representative of the student body," Mayes said.

Both Mayes and Matson agree that an academic honor code cannot be put into place until the student body agrees to enforce it as a community.

Though many faculty members have encouraged such a code, Matson said that he would rather the initiative be taken from the students than from the administration. He sees the relationship between students and faculty right now as one of children and parents, with the latter having to enforce rules and regulations on the former. He looks forward to the day when this campus attitude will change.

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FINANCIAL FACE-LIFT

McCown Cottage undergoes construction for financial aid process



By RENEE REED
Reporter

Reconstruction of the McCown Cottage is scheduled to start soon with improvements that will accommodate the new student financial service in order to better serve students by increasing space.

"Many students have complained about having to skip from one building to the other during their financial aid process, and this will hopefully eliminate all of that," said Joe Whitaker, vice president of business and finance.

Reconstruction should start to take place in the next couple of weeks and last about three to four months. The addition onto the building will be a two-story add-on extending into the parking lot with four large office areas. The downstairs will be removed to provide a better arrangement of office facilities and staff.

Whitaker said total cost has not been determined, but a rough estimate is from \$65,000 to \$75,000 for the new addition.

Bembry resigns after one year of teaching

By MISSIE MILLS
Managing Editor

After teaching at Milligan for less than one year, Assistant Professor of Bible and Humanities Dr. Jason A. Bembry has turned in his resignation to Academic Dean Mark Matson.

"It is with sadness that I have accepted the resignation of Dr. Jason Bembry, our newest member of the Bible and humanities faculty," Matson said in a Feb. 28 email sent to the faculty and staff. "The good news is that he will remain here in the community as a member of the faculty at Emmanuel School of Religion."

At Emmanuel, Bembry will do two things he has wanted to do - teach Hebrew and teach graduate students. "I'll be an assistant professor of Old Testament," he said. "I won't be teaching humanities, which I enjoyed, but it's not really my field."

Bembry said he applied for the job at Emmanuel in December. "Both Jason and the Dean of Emmanuel came to me early in the process," Matson said. "If a person really thinks they'd be happier somewhere else, that's probably where they ought to be."

Matson said he sees himself in a dual role on campus. "I am the dean of the college, and I also view myself as dean of faculty," he said. "I seek to do good of individual faculty members, not just the college. I try to be supportive of them."

According to Matson, Bembry had a very good evaluation and much positive feedback.

Junior David Bielik, who has Bembry for Old Testament Historical Books and The Prophets, said he will miss Bembry. "Overall he's a great teacher so I hate to see him go," Bielik said. "He just has a great passion for teaching students and getting people to learn and to care about what they're learning."

"It's just a part of academic life," Matson said. "I'm pleased that he's going to be just across the street and we still have some access to him."

"I'm really going to miss Milligan. I will certainly miss my colleagues, and I will certainly miss my students," Bembry said. "If I could do what I wanted to do I would teach up there and always teach down here."

TUITION RISES AGAIN

Administration
releases raised rates

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

Milligan College's budget committee released the final figures for the 2005-2006 total cost rates, showing a 4.9 percent increase over the current year's figures with the total cost of next year's attendance being \$21,990, the college's smallest increase in the last seven years.

"An increase is necessitated each year due to increasing operating costs, such as health insurance, utilities, employee salaries, etc.," said Associate Vice President for Business and Finance Chris Rolph who also acts as chairman of the budget committee. "Colleges and universities face the same operational and personnel costs as do all business enterprises and are

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RANDALL'S AMBLINGS

With 16 teams left, anything possible for many

By RANDALL MOORE
Sports Columnist

The first weekend of the NCAA Tournament started out rather slowly but quickly turned into one of the finest opening weekends of all time.

The first game of the tournament pitted the No. 2 seed in the Austin regional the Kentucky Wildcats against their neighbor 20 miles away in the Eastern Kentucky Colonels. A two seed has lost to a 15 seed four times and ECU had the chance to pull the upset multiple times throughout the game but could never quite get over the hump. Kentucky escaped with a 72-64 victory over the upstart Colonels.

The first day of the tournament continued that way for many of the top seeds. With virtually no upsets on the first day, the lower seeds made the games quite competitive but were not able to post any big upsets. Friday, on the other hand, led to lots of drama. First was the No. 13 seed Vermont Catamounts and their retiring coach Tom Brennan defeated the No. 4 seed, and Big East Tournament champions, Syracuse Orangemen in overtime, knocking Syracuse out of the tournament on their first day and ending the hopes of the second final four in three seasons for Hall of Fame coach Jim Boeheim.

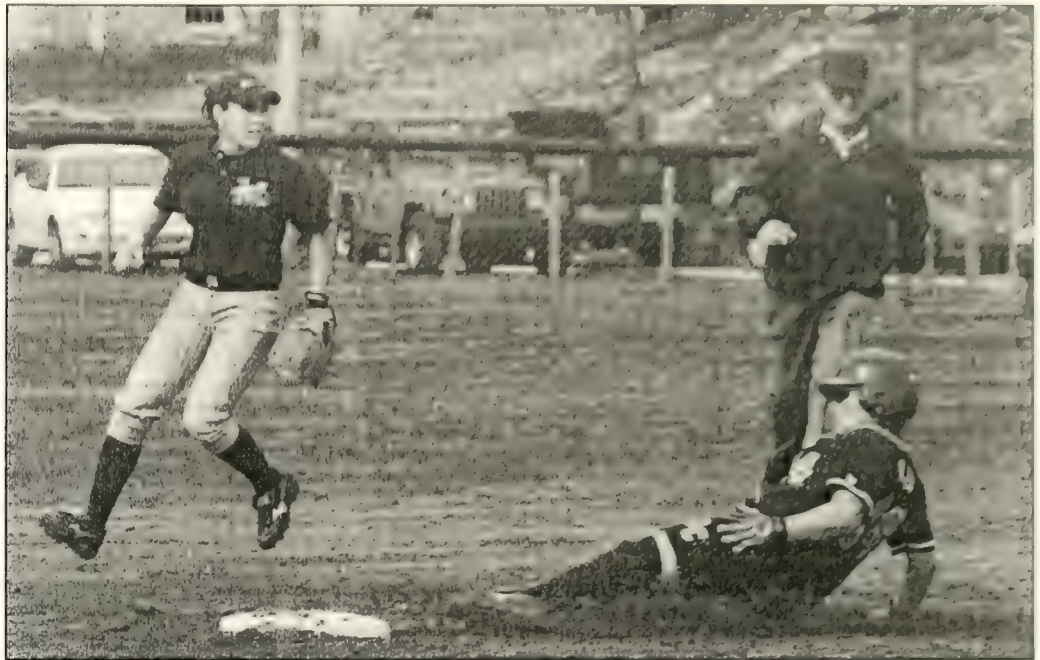
In the nightcap of games, No. 14 seed Bucknell knocked off preseason No. 1 Kansas, the No. 3 seed in the Syracuse regional, 64-63. These games led to more surprises in round two of the tournament, including the N.C. State Wolfpack and embattled coach Herb Sendek defeating the defending national champions Connecticut Huskies 65-62.

In the game of the tournament so far, the second seeded Kentucky Wildcats faced the seventh seeded Cincinnati Bearcats. The two schools - separated by a mere 80 miles but hadn't played since 1990 - played a highly intense game with a Final Four flair to it. Kentucky quickly jumped out to an 11-0 lead but Cincinnati fought back and eventually took the lead at halftime 35-33. Kentucky jumped out to the lead early in the second half and never trailed again as they continually withstood challenges by the Bearcats and defeated Cincinnati 69-60 before over 40,000 fans at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, the largest crowd ever to see a first or second round NCAA Tournament game.

I have Illinois defeating UW-Milwaukee and Oklahoma State defeating Arizona in the Chicago regional. In the Albuquerque regional I have Louisville and Texas Tech facing off. North Carolina will face North Carolina State in the Elite 8 in the Syracuse regional and Duke and Kentucky will play another thriller in the regional finals of the Austin regional.

My final four - as I have said since the beginning of the tournament - is Illinois, North Carolina, Kentucky and Louisville, and I'm sticking by it right now.

Lady Buffs weighed down by doubleheader



Sophomore Sarah Smith rushes to catch another out and defend second base during last Saturday's double header against Brevard College.

Diane Hostetler

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

For the third time this season, Milligan dominated and shut out their opponent in the first game of their doubleheader only to lose control during the second game. Fortunately for Milligan on Saturday against Brevard College (N.C.), they were able to regain their command of the field during the final inning of the second game to win 5-4.

"We had a lot of trouble with the pitching style, and we didn't adjust well to the new pitcher (during the second game)," said freshman Jennifer Wise. "Coach Holly told us that we need to have more energy in the second game ... because our goal is to go out and get two wins and not split."

The Lady Buffs, reigning tournament champions, came out strong during the first inning of the first game when sophomore second baseman Sarah Smith led off with a triple and was brought home

by a single by senior first baseman Brooke Davis. Davis also reached home plate bringing the score to 2-0.

After Milligan's strong lead-off, Brevard was unable to capitalize during their turns at bat. Senior pitcher Brandy Waddle allowed five hits, but Milligan's defense kept the Tornados from scoring.

Waddle added another run to Milligan's score in the fourth inning, bringing the final score to 3-0.

In the second game, roles reversed as Brevard's Jenelle Trifon scored during the first inning. Nevertheless, Milligan did not struggle to gain the lead like Brevard had in the first game. Wise hit a home run which brought in sophomore Leah Fritts and freshman Heather Poindexter to give Milligan a 3-1 lead.

"This was my first home run (in college)," Wise said. "Coach Holly uses me for (designated hitting) a lot, so when I produce runs I know I'm doing my job as a hitter."

During the third inning, Brevard's determination to win was apparent as they reached home plate three additional times to give them back the lead. During the middle of Brevard's run, senior pitcher Traci Harrison was replaced by Waddle.

Milligan again caught up during the fourth inning when a hit from Wise brought Poindexter in and tied the score. The teams remained tied throughout the rest of the game until the final inning when junior Allison Murray scored off of a hit from freshman Cassidy Sigars.

The Lady Buffs, whose record stands at 11-7 for the season and 7-3 in the conference, were scheduled to face Montreat College (N.C.) on Tuesday afternoon, but the game was cancelled due to rain. Their next game is scheduled for today at UVA-Wise.

"We need to focus on the (pitcher's) release point and on the ball," Wise said. "That sounds really simple and easy, but it's something we aren't doing well with."

Golf team prepares to defend championship

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

Head Coach Tony Wallingford comments on the golf team's upcoming season:

Q: What have you done to prepare for this season?

A: The men's golf team, defending (Appalachian Athletic Conference) champs, had a successful fall season with a 22-5 record and a first place finish in the AAC Fall Invitational. The 18-hole average leaders for the Buffs are sophomore Matt Barefoot and junior Aaron Jessee with scores of 75.2 and 75.9, respectively. However, the strength of the team is the overall solid play that each member contributes in each match. Sophomores Matt Ongie and Ryan Morris, and freshman Grayson Patton, have been outstanding as well, averaging between 77 and 78. Sophomore Daniel Sochalski, freshman Ryan Doyle and junior Nate Tinchler have also played well averaging between 82 and 86.

Q: What are your goals for this season?

A: The goal for the golf team is to repeat as AAC champions. There will be stiff competition from several AAC schools for the title.

Q: How do you think the golf team will compare from last year?

A: We are basically the same team as last year and each player has improved. They are a very determined group, hard workers and great young men.

Q: With no seniors on the team, who are you expecting to step up and be a leader(s)?

A: Our captain is junior Aaron Jessee. However, each member of this team contributes leadership in their own way, and that is what makes this team so good.

Q: The Buffs open their spring season on March 24. Who are playing against?

A: The match at Elizabethton will feature Mount Vernon Nazarene University (Ohio), UVA-Wise, King, Montreat (N.C.) and Virginia Intermont.

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

In this week's SGA meeting...

David Mee, vice president for enrollment management, and Joe Whitaker, vice president for business and finance, spoke with SGA to explain next year's tuition rates and answer any questions raised.

Psi Chi, Milligan's psychology club, petitioned SGA for \$200 to help offset costs of attending a national convention in Nashville in April where certain members will be presenting research. The body voted and the bill passed.

The junior class representatives petitioned SGA for \$200 which would provide extra funding for this spring's Junior/Senior Banquet. After questions and debate, the body voted and the bill passed.

The 2005-2006 executive council was sworn in by the current executive council members. Freshman Maggie Blankenship was confirmed as secretary, sophomore Christian Thompson as vice president and junior Jaime McConnell was sworn in as president. In a change from election results, freshman Ian Swallen was confirmed as treasurer as junior Randall Moore had to resign from his position due to conflicts with other responsibilities.

'Random Words from a Simple Senior'

BY CARRIE L. MAYES
Guest Columnist

I remember writing an editorial that was published in the Oct. 22, 2004 edition of The Stampede. When I wrote the editorial I had not considered that the release date would be Alumni Weekend. Because the editorial, which focused on the lack of acceptance at Milligan, did not portray the college community in a positive light at a time when many alumni, who donate money to Milligan, were on campus, a handful of people questioned me about my feelings for the Milligan College community. I remained steadfast in my opinion and reasons for that opinion. Most people on campus who responded to me in person did so with sincere apologies, and I now thank you formally for your words. However, my intended reaction was to inspire the Milligan College community to learn acceptance and non-judgmental tolerance for those inside and outside this community and the Christian community.

So, why am I writing this now? Well, over the first part of spring break I viewed some of the archives of The Stampede - available online for your viewing pleasure - and I noticed that often a senior will leave a few random words of wisdom for those remaining students who still have time to change things. I would like to share with you some of the things that have helped me have an enjoyable experience here at Milligan College.

I hate to sound like a complete suck-up, but the

relationships I have developed with the professors have made my college years rewarding, while keeping me on the shaky cusp of insanity with challenging and pushing me to be a better person. So, seek out personal relationships with your professors.

Patience is a virtue. For example, chapel has improved so much that if it continues on its current rate of success, it will be unbelievably awesome in the future. Also, the food in the cafeteria, while many would disagree, also shows improvement. Just remember a few weeks ago when they served those sensational grilled chicken taco salads.

On a more serious note though, I would encourage different people to be active in the community. It can get rather boring to see the same people do or lead everything all the time. In order for that to happen though, the majority on this campus need to accept the minority and their ideas. As Christians, we are encouraged to do this through the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus used this woman, an outcast of her society, to bring the Good News to her community. I beg our community to embrace our outcast, for they might just bring us some good news from the Lord.

I also urge the community to accept people outside of our community, whether it is the Milligan College community or the non-Christian world. While we need to minister and evangelize, it is necessary to continue to build the strength within our community through

fostering accepting and loving relationships. Most importantly, the message of Christianity is love, and we need to share that as a bond with the surrounding world. Just because the Bible challenges us to love everyone, no certain principles don't mean that we should try to change those who do not love as we do.

Think of our worldly outcasts: the poor, the elderly, the elderly, homosexual, or battered who have experienced the trauma of abortion. Instead of trying to change people, understand that they might change you. A poor person might make you repent for excessive living. Children can make you forget societal pressure to succeed because of their ability to blindly accept. The elderly, often our society's forgotten members, perhaps have the most to offer us with their unlimited wisdom. Homosexuals can teach us much about compassion, a major tenant of Christianity, because of the daily judgment and discrimination to which they are subject. The families hurt by abortion may also teach us about judgment from their painful experiences.

If we close our hearts to the opportunity that God may use outcasts as His mouthpieces, we are limiting God's sovereign ability to converse with us. I beg our future community to break down the barriers that make Christianity seem like an exclusive group of judgmental people. I beg our future community to show love and acceptance to all. I am asking that we follow Christ's example of building relationships with the outcasts.

Student dares peers to uphold contract

BY MATTHEW SHED
Guest Columnist

Do you remember the day when you decided that you would be coming to Milligan for your education? Do you? You may have decided for a number of different reasons that Milligan was the school for you, but when we decided to come here we all did one thing that was the same; we signed a contract.

We, the student body, have all signed that we will work to live a righteous life while attending this school, and in turn, the school will educate us on what it means to be a Christian in the modern world. I am writing this to tell you that we have failed at our end of the contract.

Look around the campus. Do you see Christ being glorified? We do have many groups that are working to make sure that Christ is being taught. We have the LINC office, a great organization where you can find places to serve the community. We have Vespers, a place where many of the students go to have an intimate moment with God. We have chapel, a place that allows us to be taught about what Christ is calling us to do in this world. So yes, we do have places to go to do "godly" things, but I would like to point out that this

means nothing. We are not growing in Christ. In fact, I would say that we are no different than a public university.

Look at the way we conduct ourselves. We raise our hands to God in the chapel service, and later that day we will raise our hand, or rather our middle finger, at a fellow classmate.

We speak degrading words to each other every day. I can't speak for the female dorms, but men, think about how we talk to each other in the dorms. Does that language fulfill a Christian type of speech? In Ephesians 4:29 Paul says, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Is that what we are doing when we call each other "gay" or "F'ers"? That is what we do, and then with the same tongue we praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

You brood of vipers! It is even worse in other parts of our lives: We drink, smoke, chew, commit sexual immorality and the list goes on and on. What makes us different than a public university? They have places like Vespers. They have organizations that serve the community. We are supposed to be the light to the

world, but instead we are blinding the world like smoke from a flame being extinguished.

As you read this, many of you may think I am pointing fingers at one or two groups of people. Specifically, many of us attempt to always blame the immoral state of this college on the athletes. This is not my intention at all. Instead, I blame myself and anyone else here who claims Christ and does not follow him 100 percent. The problem is not in the athletic department alone, it is also in the student government and the ministry majors, as well as any other department or group you can think to add to this list.

It's time for a change. We love to complain about the state of the world and how corrupt it has become, but it starts with us. We are the people who know better; we are the ones who must take a stand, not by petitioning and complaining, but by our everyday actions. We must live a life that can bring Christians into a spot of respect in the community once again.

If we don't change our lifestyle, followers of Christ will forever be called hypocrites. Let us bring glory to Christ that Christ alone deserves. That is my challenge to you and to myself.

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WEEKEND FORECAST weather

Information from www.weather.com

Friday: High 70, Low 44
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"A Midsummer Night's Dream": a play for all ages

By CLAIRE MILLER
Reporter

Dr. Dick Lura, professor of chemistry, hopes that he wasn't type-casted for his part as Egeus in "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

"Let's face it - threatening to have my daughter killed if she doesn't marry the man I choose for her isn't the nicest guy," Lura said of his part.

He admits, however, that some of his students might think that type-casting was involved.

Three other faculty members also have parts in the play: Mr. Nick Blosser, assistant professor of art; Mr. Jim Dahlman, associate professor of communications; and Dr. Karen Kelly, associate professor of biology and occupational therapy.

This is a trend continued from last semester's "Footloose," which included six faculty members.

Milligan theatre professor Richard Major, who is also chair of the area of performing, visual and communicative

arts, said that the faculty's involvement helps eliminate the age gap problem between students and the theatrical roles they are expected to play. In addition, it helps students see faculty in a different light.

"I think the overarching plus for all involved is that we get to see each other as human beings, and at least temporarily our other hats or roles are put aside, and through the melting as a company we all become better informed about each other as people," Major said.

Blosser said that he has gotten to know some of the cast but will probably get to know more as time goes on. "The best thing," Blosser said of the production, "is probably just the acting part that's fun for me."

This is the last performance in a Milligan play for senior Crystal VanMeter, who said that she and her fellow cast members love the faculty involvement.

"It is a great and rare opportunity for our professors and faculty members to not only see the progress of our work but to share that progress with us," said VanMeter.

Professors agree. While he knew some of the students before signing up for the play, Dahlman said he has "gotten to know a few of them better just by spending time in rehearsal, joking around, working on scenes." He also said that he has been able to get acquainted with some students he had not previously known.

Kelly, whose kindergarten-aged twins now call her "Queen Hippo," after her role as Queen Hippolyta, said that she has not only enjoyed meeting students from other departments but working with other faculty as well. "It's always fun to observe people outside of their regular roles in life," she said.

Based on her experience, VanMeter believes it is easy to see why the cast bonds so well. "I love theatre. To me it is magical. It is expressive. I can't begin to describe the feeling that comes when you become part of something so amazing. Your fellow company becomes your family, and we love and support each other."

Dorm nights coming soon

By RENEE REED
Reporter

The Center for Calling and Career Exploration hosted their second dorm night in Williams Hall on March 15. The session focused on interviewing techniques.

Amanda Ruble, the Institute for Servant Leadership assistant, gave a short explanation of the interviewing process which was followed by mock interviewing done by the CCCE's guest speaker, Nathan Jenkins of the Mutual Financial Network.

"Often times, even though a person is highly qualified and ideal for a job, a bad interview can separate them from this opportunity," Ruble said. "It is important to know what kind of

questions will be a part (of the interview) and the appropriate way to answer them."

Ten to 15 students were expected to attend, but only four undergraduate students attended. They discussed both general and specific tips for interviewing in the real world and performed mock interviews.

"I asked each student personally if this and other services that we offer are valuable learning opportunities and they replied 'yes'," said Ruble.

The CCCE will hold another dorm night on April 5, entitled "College Graduate 101."

According to Ruble the night "will allow seniors to get an idea of what they might encounter as they enter for the first time into the real world."



Amanda Ruble, the Institute for Servant Leadership assistant, speaks with Milligan students about techniques for job interviews during the Dorm Night hosted by the Center for Calling and Career Exploration last week.

Andrew Stauffer

■ Honor code continued

"I am interested in the possibility of Milligan students deciding to take this responsibility upon themselves because it's right, and kind of changing the inner culture of Milligan from an immature parent-child relationship to a mature relationship where the students are co-participants in the process and integrity of their education," Matson said.

"Most students on this campus work hard to get the grades they have, and when others cheat and no one turns them in for academic dishonesty, they are not held responsible or penalized because no one finds out about it," said Mayes. "It is my hope that Milligan College will realize the importance of the Christian name on the actions of students, staff, faculty and administration and that as a result, honor, be it academic or otherwise, will become something to protect."

■ Administration releases raised rates continued

subject to the same market increases in expenditures for providing services."

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, the national average cost of attendance at a four year private institution in 2004-05 was \$30,295. Even with the increase, Milligan's total costs are still \$9,000 lower than other similar colleges.

"(The increase) is well below the national average of 6 percent for private colleges and 10.5 percent for four year public universities," Rolph said.

According to Associate Vice President for Communications Lee Fierbaugh, Milligan's total costs have increased about 4 percent to 7 percent each year. The increases average about \$1,000 each fiscal year.

"We try hard to control those rising costs and keep our increases to a minimum," Fierbaugh said.

The college's administration has received minimal feedback concerning the raised total costs.

"The few comments we have heard have been positive that we have kept the increase as minimal as possible considering rising operational costs," Fierbaugh said.

The budget committee, which acts as an advisory committee to President Don Jeanes who is responsible for the college's budget, began meeting last September to plan the costs, as well as the college's budget, for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. The tuition rates were then presented to the Board of Trustees who approved the rates at the end of October.

"The budgeting processes, as well as the process of setting tuition and granting financial aid, are all intricate systems but precise ones," Rolph said. "We work very carefully and try to control costs while

maintaining quality. We make good use of the resources that have been entrusted to us."

According to Rolph, the college's budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year will be around \$20 million. The budget committee is currently working on drafts of the budget. A complete draft will be finalized in April and then approved by the Board of Trustees at the end of April.

However, Milligan does not survive solely on tuition paid by students. Rolph stated that only 50 percent of the college's operating expenses come from tuition.

"Each year thousands of alumni, friends, churches and even our own faculty and staff stand in the gap to make up the difference between student tuition and the actual cost of attendance for our students," Rolph said. "Without this support, the cost of attending Milligan College would be significantly higher."



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BUFFALO "JERRY" MISSING

Elizabethton police search for \$16,000 buffalo missing from Lacy Fieldhouse

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

Theft at Milligan reached new heights over Easter break when "Jerry," the stuffed buffalo in the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse, was stolen from its perch above the entrance to the building.

The buffalo, which was last seen on the evening of March 27, is over seven feet tall, nine feet long, four feet wide and is worth \$16,000. It was discovered missing Monday morning March 28 by Ray Smith, Milligan's athletic director.

"I had come in (on Monday morning) and was talking with one of the maintenance guys on the other end of the gym. We both kind of looked up at the same time and noticed the buffalo was missing," Smith said.

Smith examined the area and the damage before contacting the administration and reporting the theft to the Elizabethton Police Department.

"I kind of assessed the damage and looked around for some clues, but Sherlock Holmes I'm not," Smith said. "I called the police at that point and had them come over."

According to the police report, "a ground level glass door on the south side of the building was found broken and may have been the point of entry for the perpetrators." The glass door is valued around \$600. A wood board was also found, and police concluded that the

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LEFT: "Jerry" the buffalo seen bolted to its perch just above the entrance to the Lacy Fieldhouse. "Jerry" was given to Milligan by the Shelor Chevrolet Corp. of Virginia in December 2003.

Photo by Missie Mills

ABOVE: "Jerry" previously stood in the empty space above the Lacy Fieldhouse entryway. The buffalo has not been seen since the night of March 27.

Photo by Andrew Stauffer

New break policy implemented

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

After confusion resulting from the unprecedented complete closure of residence halls during breaks this school year, a holiday/break housing policy has been released, which requires all halls to be closed during all-school holidays with the exception of fall and Easter breaks.

"(The policy isn't) necessarily because the students were asking for it or because the administration (was asking for it), it was sort of just a sensed need that rose to the top that we thought we should address," said Director of Student Life Kim Parker. "The policy is going to be that the dorms will stay officially open over fall break and Easter break since they're shorter breaks," Parker said.

During these two breaks, half of the resident assistants in each large dorm - Hart, Sutton and Webb - will be asked to remain on campus to provide supervision within the residence halls. For example, three of the Hart Hall RAs will stay during fall break with the remaining three RAs staying during Easter break.

"I've gone home or gone somewhere over every break this year," said sophomore Shanna Myers who is an RA in Hart Hall. "It affects me because I have

to stay in that way, but I'm sure it will be fine if it's only one break."

The remaining breaks, which are Thanksgiving and spring break, the dorms will be closed and the doors locked. However, students will be able to receive permission through the Student Development office to remain on campus during these times.

"If it's for something school-related, like student teaching or sports, (students) just need to notify the Student Development office so then (the residence staff) can have a record of who all is staying in the dorms," Parker said. "If it's not school-related, there is a nightly fee."

According to Parker, the nightly fee will be more than the daily summer fee of \$5.

"I think the policy is a really good idea because they're a lot of students that had trouble over the breaks this year with not being able to go home," said Myers.

Because of the longevity of Thanksgiving and spring breaks, RAs are not required to remain on campus. The administration has asked that one RA remain in each of the large dorms, as opposed to half of the dorm's total RAs.

"Basically, we'll do that on a

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Recent alumni establish scholarship

By RENEE REED
Reporter

Milligan College alumni Tony Jones and David Harris have established the Milligan Friends Scholarship, a newly endowed scholarship to benefit students with high levels of financial need.

"I did work study in the business office when I was a student at Milligan, and I saw the needs that students have and learned which direction to go that would be most helpful for future students," Jones said. "I got my buddy David to help me since he is a law student and very organized."

The Milligan Friends Scholarship is an endowed scholarship that the college can not terminate as long as the college is in existence.

"Tony and David understand that money is a big issue for students, and it costs more to run the college than just tuition covers. They want to give back," said Todd Norris, vice president of institutional advancement.

The name for the scholarship came from a chat room that Harris created and called "Milligan Friends."

"There are around 40 to 50 of us who have graduated or who are still at Milligan who ran around together, and we still keep in touch," Jones said. "David's chat room really helps us be able to talk on a regular basis."

Establishing an endowed scholarship is a way that current students or alumni can give money to the college by donating any amount to their established fund. The donor can choose where he/she wants his/her money to go to, which could be the college or an individual student who applies for the scholarship.

"To start one is a rather simple process," Norris said. "If you let the Institutional Advancement office know what you are doing, they can set your scholarship fund up in their software, and they can track who gives to the fund and how much."

Harris and Jones hope that this scholarship will encourage the start of other scholarships by students who want to give back in the future.

Anyone can start a scholarship, including students as well as alumni, and Norris encourages students to start thinking about it. "You may start out at \$25 to \$100 a year, and as your income increases, so can your donation," Norris said.

RANDALL's AMBLINGS

Baseball is back

BY RANDALL MOORE
Sports Columnist

Say what you want about the National Football League, college basketball or college football; baseball is finally back, and all is right in the world again.

Nothing beats a spring or summer day at the ballpark, enjoying your hot dog and beverage while watching America's pastime sport. I find myself venturing the 120 miles south from Columbus to Cincinnati, Ohio over 25 times a year to watch my beloved Cincinnati Reds take on the best that baseball has to offer. I make it a habit to sit in as many different parts of the stadium as I can so that I can get a full-fledged view of the game.

Baseball is a better game than other sports because, unlike the NBA or NFL which have an 82 or a 16 game season and are often sold out, baseball, with its 162 game schedule, is an easy ticket for a college student to acquire. With so many games, baseball teams run a college discount night where all college students can get half-price tickets and a family night where one adult pays full price and the rest of the family gets in at half price.

Baseball is my favorite sport because of the relaxed way you can watch the game. Without constant action, it's easy to follow the game, carry on a conversation and just enjoy the sport. It's a fan-friendly environment as there are often mascots and giveaways going on throughout the stadium during innings. And what tradition in sports even compares to "Take me out to the Ball Game" during the seventh-inning stretch.

A hot muggy night at the ballpark is my idea of a perfect summertime night. Make sure and get out to the ballpark this summer to see your home team.

Softball wins third doubleheader

BY MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

For most of the season the Lady Buffs have been plagued by doubleheader splits. With only a month left before tournament time, Milligan has finally overcome their inability to win two games in a row.

On Tuesday afternoon, Milligan shut out UVA-Wise (4-0, 2-0) and completed their third consecutive series of doubleheader wins.

"We're just getting used to playing more regularly now," said head coach Wes Holly. "(The girls) are a little more relaxed and focused now since we've been playing our regular schedule with two or three times in a week."

In the first game, freshman center-fielder Cassidy Sigars led the Lady Buffs with their first run after she scored off a single by senior first baseman Brooke Davis. After holding the Lady Cavaliers off during the second inning, Milligan came back up to bat and freshman shortstop Heather Poindexter, sophomore catcher Ashley Mashburn and sophomore second baseman Sarah Smith all reached

home plate. The score held at 4-0 for the remainder of the game as senior pitcher Brandy Waddle allowed only two hits in the entire game.

"We played great defense - only one error in the first game," Holly said.

Unlike the first game where all the runs were scored in the first two innings, neither team took the lead until the third inning of the second game. With help once again from Davis, Sigars and junior outfielder Courtney Ruth crossed home plate to bring the score to 2-0.

Even though the Lady Buffs were not able to score any additional runs, they were able to defend their home field and keep UVA-Wise from scoring the entire afternoon. Waddle pitched another seven innings and allowed only four hits.

"(Waddle) threw really well for us," Holly said. "Those are the best two games she's thrown all year. She came through for us in the second game."

The Lady Buffs' record stands at 18-10 for the season and 12-6 in the Appalachian Athletic Conference.

"(Tuesday's) games were two huge wins for us," Holly said, "and they

tightened the conference race up. According to Holly, only two teams separate the top five contenders in the conference race.

Up next for Milligan is their consecutive doubleheader with the team at home today against conference rival Virginia Intermont College. On Saturday, the Lady Buffs travel to Lynchburg, Va. to play the Lady Cavaliers of Virginia Wesleyan College and then face Montreat College (N.C.) on Sunday.

"The outcome of this weekend will make a big difference in the conference standings," Holly said. "It could also be going to be a race for the championship."



Sophomore Megan Andridge bats during the Lady Buffs' shutout against UVA-Wise on Tuesday afternoon.

Andrew Stauffer

Women victorious in matches, men lose



Sophomore Tom Jones reaches to block his opponent's shot during Tuesday's match against Tennessee Wesleyan College.

BY MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

For the men's and women's tennis teams, Tuesday's matches looked a whole lot like Monday's matches. On both days the men's team fell to their opponent while the women came out victorious.

On Monday afternoon both teams took on Appalachian Athletic Conference rival King College. The contest started off on a positive note for the Lady Buffs when all three doubles matches ended with points for Milligan. The Lady Buffs continued their domination in the singles, winning four out of five matches to give them a final

score of 8-1.

For the men's team, Monday ended in losses beginning with the doubles matches. Only the team of sophomores Ryan Reynolds and Tom Jones won. In the singles, Reynolds was victorious again but was followed by only one more win from senior teammate Patrick Mitchell. The Buffs ended the day with a 3-6 score.

Tuesday brought another win for the Lady Buffs (5-4) and another defeat for the men (3-6) against Tennessee Wesleyan College.

The women faced much stiffer competition with only two doubles teams recording wins and three singles players capturing victories.

"We knew it was a big match," said senior Cheri Lomison. "UVA-Wise was considered the strong team this year, and Tennessee Wesleyan had just beaten them on Sunday so we knew the score was going to be 5-4 one way or the other."

The men ended the day with the same score as Monday but with winning

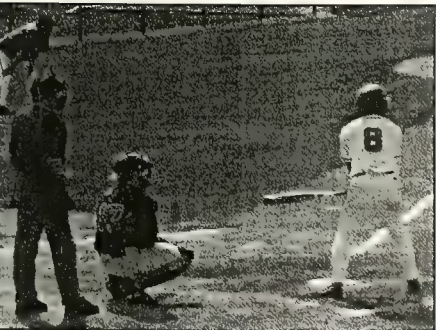
performances from different players. Junior Isaac Schade performed well in both singles and doubles, with junior Travis Fields, to give Milligan two of its three points. The other point came from Reynolds.

The teams had to travel to Lynch, Va. both days as Milligan's new tennis complex has still not been completed because of the lasting winter weather.

"After spending half the season being disappointed by cancellations due to rain and program drops," said sophomore Krissie Denton. "Winning a match against one of the hardest teams in the conference has given us more confidence to follow through with our plan of making it to nationals."

For the women, the wins bring their record to 3-2 in the season and 2-0 in the conference. The men fall to 3-6 for the season and 2-4 in the conference. Tomorrow the men's team will face Montreat College (N.C.) while the women's team take on Virginia Intermont, last year's conference champion.

Price sets new record as Buffs split games



Sophomore Cody Whitlock tries to gain a hit during the bottom of the fourth inning to put Milligan in the lead in Tuesday's game against North Greenville.

Mandi Mooney

BY MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

Even with the help of a record-breaking game from senior third baseman/catcher Dustin Price, the Milligan baseball team won one game (9-6) but lost the second (3-7) in a doubleheader against North Greenville College (S.C.) on Wednesday afternoon at home.

As students and fans enjoyed the warm, sunny spring weather, the Buffs came out strong in the first game. In the first inning, senior shortstop Nathan Meade and junior rightfielder David Rusaw started off the Buffs to give Milligan a 2-0 lead.

It was not until the top of the second inning that North Greenville answered back with two runs. After North Greenville tied up the game, the lead bounced back and forth between the two teams as both struggled to maintain control.

Halfway through the fifth inning, the score was tied at five runs each. A single from junior leftfielder Garrett Reed put Milligan in the lead as Price and sophomore first baseman Kory Kinnear were each able to cross home plate.

In the sixth inning the Buffs furthered their lead when Price hit his record-setting home run which also scored Rusaw. With North Greenville reaching home plate only one more time during the seventh inning, Milligan captured the victory. Sophomore J.P. Penland finished the final two innings of relief for his first victory of the season.

The second game started out quite different than the

first. Unlike the first game when Milligan captured an early lead, the Buffs did not score any runs until the third inning of the second game when junior second baseman Will Little started off the inning with a run. He was followed by Meade in the fifth inning.

"We just out hit them in the first game and couldn't get anything really going in the second," said sophomore Stephen Jarrett.

Instead, North Greenville came out strong, leading 5-1 at the top of the fourth inning. North Greenville continued to increase their lead, bringing it to 7-2 with only one inning of play remaining. In the seventh and final inning, Price added one additional run to bring Milligan back with a 7-3 deficit. However, as the saying goes, it was too little too late.

Milligan battled against North Greenville earlier in the season, winning both games in a doubleheader.

The split gives the Buffs a season record of 21-16 and 11-4 in the Appalachian Athletic Conference. The Buffaloes are currently ranked No. 2 in the conference. Milligan travels to Bluefield College (W.Va.) currently ranked No. 8 in the conference for a three-game series this weekend.

Internships provide hands-on experience

By MISSIE MILLS
Managing Editor

Millions of college students are fighting for internships. Today, nearly three out of every four students take an internship. Webster's Dictionary defines an intern as "a student or recent graduate undergoing supervised practical training."

Depending on your major, internships may or may not be necessary for graduation. However, even if not required, they are strongly recommended. Internships look great on resumes because they are hands-on experience in a professional field. Experience shows initiative, and employers appreciate a motivated employee.

How can you get an internship?

Perhaps the most important step in finding an internship is actually beginning the search. Some employers choose their summer interns as early as December, which means applicants need to begin searching in August; applications need to be sent out in October for a December decision date. The Milligan College Center for Calling and Career Exploration's pamphlet "Finding an Internship" states, "Plan your internship at least a full semester before you wish to begin the internship." Many students wait until the last minute and find themselves in trouble.

The actual search for an internship is time-consuming, yet worthwhile. In the beginning of your search, decide which career field interests you.

Once you have refined your career path, research options for an internship.

Many resources such as Career Services, books and internet sites dedicated to helping prospective interns are available to college students. These places are full of options and opportunities for students.

Students today are not limited to books, but also have the internet. Internet sites offer a wealth of internship possibilities with the click of a button. Employers are aware of the technology and post job openings on the World Wide Web. On WetFeet.com, an intern for Camp LaJolla said she found her internship which allowed her to earn college credit while being involved in fitness by looking through an assortment of internship and career books.

Don't underestimate the power of networking! "Finding an Internship" states "the best way to obtain an internship is through networking." Talk with everyone around you about the kind of internship you are looking for. This includes parents, friends, professors, and mentors—be creative and vocal.

Cover letters are often overlooked by college students who do not realize how necessary they are. A cover letter is your introduction to the employer. Start by sending it to an actual person; this shows that you have done your homework and researched the company to which you are applying. The opening paragraph should include your reference source (whether it be a person, book or web site) and clearly state the position you are applying for. The body of the cover letter is your place to sell yourself. Explain why you are the most qualified person for the job. The closing paragraph should encourage the employer to take action and give you an interview. It should also include availability; for example if you live out of state but want an internship here in

Johnson City over summer break, make it clear that you will have housing and transportation. Also state that you will call the employer to ensure that he has received your application and resume, and possibly schedule an interview.

Make sure your cover letter is succinct by finding creative ways to stand out to employers without getting wordy. "Finding an Internship" says that showing a familiarity with the company's services, products, and recent news in your cover letter will impress the employer. Always proofread it. As easy as this sounds, it is crucial.

Your résumé is a vital document for your success. Its sole purpose is to score you an interview, which means it needs to be eye-catching and accurate. Don't worry if you lack work experience—you will gain it in your internship. Instead, use your resume to highlight your talents, skills and extracurricular activities. Your résumé should showcase leadership, team involvement and a self-motivating attitude, or any characteristics which make you more marketable.

Strong reference letters may be the final affirmation for an employer that a job is right for you. Have at least three reference letters ready. It is important that your references are people who know you well; ask a mentor, professor, advisor, employer or counselor to submit a letter of recommendation. It is impressive to employers when candidates not only have references, but have actual letters ready to show.

When it's time to send in your application, seek out who is directly responsible for hiring interns by searching through books and web sites or phoning the company and asking. If you do not mail your application to the right person,

there is no guarantee that it will even be viewed.

Call or e-mail the employer about a week after you send in the application materials to ensure he received them. Also ask about the possibility of an interview.

Preferably done in person, an interview is a personal way for the employer to get to know an applicant. Dress nicely and pay attention to small details. Paying attention to the little things shows an employer that you really care about the interview. Practice and prepare to sell yourself. Do your homework and research the company you will be interviewed for. Learn their objectives and jargon. Employers are impressed by knowledgeable interviewees. Also, bring questions for the interviewer. Ask questions that show you care, such as "What traits are most necessary to do well in this job?" Nonverbal communication is crucial in a job interview, so remember to appear confident.

Consider all the internship offers presented to you. Do you want a paid internship? Are you willing to travel for your internship? Which will provide you with the best experience? Choose carefully, then kindly decline other offers through a letter.

Depending on the internship and major, you may be able to receive academic credit for your internship. If this is the case, discuss your plans with an advisor. Then secure departmental approval for the internship. You must register for credit through the Registrar's office and pay for the credit hours through Milligan. The Registrar's office has a pamphlet "Student Guidelines for Internships" available to answer questions about academic credit.

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Safety concerns for students traveling abroad

By ANNA GINDLESPERGER
Assistant Editor

Students planning to leave the country for the humanities tour or for a semester abroad program should be cautious of travel safety and protocol.

Problems arise when Americans travel and are unaware of a foreign country's laws or customs that differ from those of the United States. They may easily become prey to a crime, or unknowingly commit a crime.

More than 2,500 American citizens are arrested abroad each year, and about half of these cases are for narcotic charges. Possession of some drugs permitted in one country may be illegal in a neighboring nation.

A media note published by the Bureau of Consular Affairs Office of the U.S. Department of State stated, "Some young people are victimized because they are unaware of the laws, customs or standards of the country they are visiting." Individuals planning to leave the United States are responsible for understanding the drug laws of a foreign country before traveling because a claim of ignorance will not minimize or pardon a jail sentence.

Alcohol also frequently causes problems for U.S. citizens who travel abroad. Students have been arrested for intoxication in public areas and drunk driving.

"Some young Americans go abroad assuming that local authorities will overlook such conduct, believing that

they are immune from prosecution in foreign countries because they are American citizens," stated the Bureau of Consular Affairs. However, Americans who break laws while visiting other countries may be indeed face harsh consequences, including prison sentences.

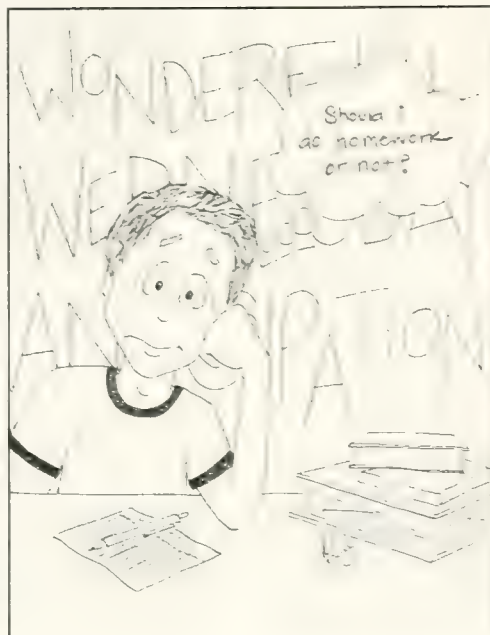
Besides being arrested, the U.S. Department of State warns young Americans to be aware of safety risks while abroad because many countries do not exercise the same standards of security and supervision as those of the United States.

Travelers are advised to be cautious where they are more likely to be victimized, such as crowded subways, train stations, elevators, tourist sites, market places and festivals.

"I do not allow (students) to go anywhere by themselves," said Associate Professor of Humanities Charlene Kiser who will be leading the

humanities tour this summer. "I also have all the students off the streets at a decent hour unless they're with me. Most of the cities we visit have pickpockets, and they tend to be worse at night."

The Bureau of Consular Affairs stated, "Common sense should prevail in any activity in which young Americans engage so that safety hazards may be minimized."



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WEEKEND FORECAST weather

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Friday: High 63, Low 45
Saturday: High 63, Low 43
Sunday: High 68, Low 45



'Midsummer' brings comic relief

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

Two dozen students and four faculty/ set out without solemnity/ to perform a mockery on the stage/ while audiences their applause to wage.

In other words, Milligan's production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" opened Wednesday night at the Jonesborough Repertory Theatre to resounding applause and uncontained laughter.

"I thought it was amazing," said senior Becky Waruszewski. "I feel like Mr. Major did a perfect job casting. Some parts were really, really funny."

"I think that the production works very well on several different levels," said Dick Major, director of the play and professor of theatre. "I do think that all of the groups - like the royals, the lovers, the rustics, the fairies, the servants - function very well.

Set mainly in an enchanted forest inhabited by fairies, the play uses comedy to tell the love stories of Lysander (Robert Kitchens) and Hermia (Gigi Urgo) and Demetrius (Aaron Huddleston) and Helena (Crystal VanMeter). But that's not all. The couples' searches for love become entwined as Puck (Amanda Greene), a mischievous fairy, plays pranks on the mortals.

But even that's not the end as the plot thickens to include the dispute between Oberon (Andy Frost), the king of the fairies, and Titania (Missie Mills), his queen.

"There are many moments in the show, everybody's got their moment," Major said. "People who like composition in period style plays; they'll have a lot of look at visually."

Perhaps the most comical portion of the production

is the play within the actual play. Athenian rustics prepare a play for the royal family that includes sophomore Ryan Arnold dressed as a woman, a human pretending to be a wall, a roaring lion and a dog.

"I've always loved the play within the play," Major said. "I've directed that portion of the play several times over the years and it's one of my favorite sections."

Rehearsals for the play hit a snag last weekend when the power in Jonesborough went out, leaving the group without light to hold a dress rehearsal. Therefore, the cast had only one dress rehearsal on Monday night.

"(By Monday's rehearsal) they'd been away from the show since 6 p.m. on Saturday," Major said. "So I think they did remarkably well."

This is the second production that Milligan has done in conjunction with JRT. The first, "Footloose," was performed last semester to sold-out audiences. Not yet ready to release the title, Major plans to return to the Milligan campus for this fall's production.



Fairies Peaseblossom, Moth and Cobweb, otherwise known as sophomore Caitlin Smith, junior Irena Loloci and senior Rachel Eng, gather around Puck, played by freshman Amanda Greene during Monday night's dress rehearsal.
Amber Parker

"As we're getting closer to the prospect of having a facility at Milligan, I'm anxious for many reasons. I want to be back on campus," Major said. "I want to establish our presence back at Milligan a little more. All of these things that we've been doing in the community have been good for us and good for Milligan too. But like I say, I'm just ready to go home."

Tickets are still on sale for "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which will run through Sunday.

Their poetry in the air not lost, students and faculty for three days more the labyrinth of Shakespeare will endure.

Buffalo continued

door was broken with the board.

"They took the 2x4 and just beat out the glass," Smith said.

When the buffalo was installed in December 2003 it was bolted to the floor and, according to Smith, was "in sight but out of touch." However, the perpetrators did not feel the buffalo was out of their reach as they cut off the bolts holding the buffalo to its base in order to remove it.

Patrol Officer Jerry Bradley who responded to the call discovered scratches on the entrance's glass doors which, according to faculty, were not there prior to the theft. Therefore, officials believe the perpetrators entered through the downstairs entrance and the buffalo was removed through the main entrance.

The only other remaining clue involving the theft is a gray, hooded Abercrombie sweatshirt which was left near the buffalo's base.

"I would hate to think that one of our students would do that," Smith said. "I wouldn't think so, but I just don't know. I would hope not."

The investigation has been assigned to Matt Bowers, an Elizabethton officer who is currently out of town and unavailable for contact.

The buffalo was donated to Milligan by Shelor Chevrolet Corp. of Virginia and was used as a prop in the movies "Dances with Wolves" and "Quigley Down Under."

In this week's SGA meeting...

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

President Jaime McConnell discussed changes in SGA's organization next fall. The three subcommittees - Business/Finance, Student Life and Spiritual Life - will be required to meet at least once with an executive council member between meetings in order to increase efficiency.

The group discussed goals from 2004-2005 to look at what was accomplished and what still needs to be done.

The members listed issues and goals for 2005-2006. They also discussed increasing the depth and focus of the goals, as well as spending more time

working to meet the goals outside meeting times.

McConnell stressed that her focus during her term in office will be on maintaining and developing connections with the students and administration in order to develop credibility as an organization.

The senior class representatives were announced: Stephanie Dalton, Jessica Schiwitz, Aaron Balmer and Tyler Mechtly. As no members of the senior class ran during elections, the class representatives had to be named at a later date.

Plans for the Blood Drive, which will be Monday, April 11, were discussed.

ASGS

New break policy implemented continued

voluntary basis, and then (the RAs) will get additional compensation for staying during those breaks," Parker said. Currently, Milligan's RAs receive free room but will receive a check for their voluntary work.

The policy for Christmas break, which will remain the same, is the exception to this new policy as all students are required to sign out of their rooms, turn in their room keys and leave the campus.

This year, because of problems in the

past and security issues, the dorms were completely closed during all breaks, and student were required to leave campus. Students who had planned to remain on campus were forced to find alternative housing with other friends or even with professors.

"That was hard, especially for foreign students and people that live far away, and we didn't like doing that, but we didn't have any other policy in place," Parker said. "The policy was just sort of a middle ground, a way to be able to

accommodate the students and their needs a little bit better and to ensure they are going to be okay in the dorms over break when nobody's here on campus."

Parker said most of the students were taken care of before the beginning of the break.

"We know that there's just times when students have to be here, like student teachers over spring break, they have to be here," Parker said. "Because of that, we wanted to be sure to have coverage in the dorms in case something was to happen."



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One Acts

Milligan held the 19th Annual One Act Festival this week in Sub7 with four shows, each directed by seniors. At the end of the shows, Associate Professor of Theatre Dick Major released the title for this fall's musical production, "Oklahoma."



Diane Hostetler

BUILDING APPROVED

*Trustees unanimously
vote favoring new
convocation center*

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

After four years of planning and delays, Milligan College will once again have a theater as the Board of Trustees voted unanimously last week to build a new convocation center.

"I'm very pleased to report that at last week's spring board meeting, the trustees eagerly voted for the college to move forward with plans to fund and construct a theater/convocation center," announced President Don Jeanes in a campus-wide e-mail sent Monday afternoon.

The building will be constructed between Hardin Hall and McMahan Student Center. It will be 24,000 square feet, house a 350-seat theater and will include darkrooms for photography students and a workshop for theater courses.

"We were able to come up with a design that we can afford," Jeanes said. "As you can tell, the convo center is different from the original phase one of the Campus Center. Though it will be used by the theater department, it also will be used by other groups on campus - for example, the lecture hall for humanities."

Milligan has been without a theater since Derthick Hall was renovated in 2002.

"Derthick Theater seated 168 people, when push came to shove we could add seats and safely seat about 230," said Associate Professor of Theater Dick Major. "A theater with a seating capacity of 350 will be just the right size for us."

Total costs of the construction of the building are currently set at \$6 million. According to Associate Vice President for



The new convocation center and theater will seat approximately 350 people. Construction could begin as early as this summer.

Communications Lee Fierbaugh, the college currently has \$4.5 million raised for the theater. Last week, the board approved financing the remaining amount.

"(The college) didn't want to have to borrow any money to do it," Fierbaugh said. "But it's come to the point where we need to move forward with the funding even if we need to finance."

In 2001, Milligan launched its \$30 million Campaign for Christian Leadership which would provide funding for a new Campus Center facility, set to break ground within two years. The theater was originally to be built alongside the center.

"We're about five years (into the Campaign) right now," Fierbaugh said. "The funding at that point - the market went south, it was right after Sept. 11 - didn't pan out the way that we had hoped so it has taken a little longer than we anticipated."

Currently, \$26.5 million has been raised. Because the complete funding for

the entire Campus Center is not currently available, the board moved to begin building a separate theater. The center will then be built in phases.

"Phase two of the new design will be the student life components, but we have no plans to begin that phase until we have money to cover it," Jeanes said.

Construction could start as early as this summer as Burleson Construction begins site preparation including moving water and power lines. In the next six to eight months, the Beeson, Lusk and Street Architectural firm will finalize building plans.

"It will be very good for our entire community to have this facility and to finally be home again," Major said.

The college is hoping to break ground in early 2006.

"We are estimating that the time for construction will be 18 months," Jeanes said.

"As we get more into (finalizing the details), all the dates are just moving targets," Fierbaugh said.

Milligan hires new Bible, humanities professor

By ANNA GINDLESBERGER
Assistant Editor

Among the decisions made throughout the several board meetings held last week, Milligan acquired a new Bible and humanities professor: John Jackson, who will join Milligan's faculty this fall.

Jackson will be teaching freshman humanities and Old Testament and New Testament survey, as well as other Bible courses.

A new faculty member was needed to fill the spot left open after Dr. Jason Bemby resigned as professor of Bible

and humanities at Milligan to accept a position at Emmanuel School of Religion.

Applicants who had submitted their resumes last fall when Bemby originally filled the position were re-examined, resulting in two on-campus interviews.

Jackson looks forward to teaching and impacting undergraduates at Milligan, given students' time of life. "It's an exciting time of life to go off to college and contemplate a career and the way you want to spend your life, and I like the idea of being able to help students as they think about some of the important questions of

life," Jackson said.

Jackson graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible and a Master of Divinity degree from Abilene Christian University in Texas. He then earned a Master in Sacred Theology in Old Testament from Drew University (N.J.) and is currently in the process of completing his dissertation at Duke University (N.C.).

While minister at the Vails Gate Church of Christ in New York, Jackson taught part time at a private high school in New York for seven years. He has taught Old Testament courses at University of

North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Duke University and Greensboro College (N.C.).

Jackson said he has always wanted to teach at a liberal arts college. "I like Milligan's comprehensive focus on the humanities and the opportunity to teach students in my Bible classes who will be church leaders in the near future," Jackson said. "I really look forward to the community atmosphere at Milligan and the opportunity to form long-lasting relationships with students, both while they are at school and after they graduate."

RANDALL'S AMBLINGS

Top Three sports moments from Milligan College 2004-2005

By RANDALL MOORE
Sports Columnist

3. Women's basketball team advances to AAC Tournament finals

All year, the women's basketball team was searching for an identity. They found it at just the right time. Putting a disappointing regular season behind them, the no. 9 ranked Lady Buffs began their quest towards history with their first upset over the eighth seeded UVA-Wise Lady Cavs. After the first-round win, Milligan faced nationally ranked Brevard College, who had only lost one conference game all season. Milligan fell behind early but fought back behind efforts of junior Leah Seevers and senior Ann-Marie Gardner who each scored 24 points and grabbed over 10 rebounds, leading Milligan to a quarterfinal victory.

In the semifinals, Milligan faced King College. Milligan continued to defy the odds with a 73-61 victory over the Lady Tornados.

In the finals, Milligan finally ran out of gas against second seed Bryan College. Despite shooting only 25 percent from the field, Milligan saw themselves down by single digits with five minutes left in the game before Bryan pulled away for the victory.

2. Milligan defeats King College in soccer shootout

The men's soccer team had already defeated King twice by scores of 5-1 and 2-1. However, when the two teams matched up in the Region XII quarterfinal game, Milligan didn't know what they were in for.

At the end of regulation, the game was tied at 1-1 and overtime commenced. After two scoreless overtimes, the next step was a shootout. Each team selected five players. After two rounds of five, the game was still knotted up and neither team had won.

The third and final round of penalty kicks began with a goal by Milligan senior Ali Mohamed and was matched by King. Next, freshman Kofi Frimpong put another goal in for Milligan.

The crowd stood on the sidelines chanting goalie Jordan Fode's name as he prepared for the coming shot. The kick from Paul Eldridge sailed high, giving Milligan the hard-fought 2-1 win.

1. Both Milligan men's and women's tennis teams advance to the Regional Tournament

Last weekend at East Tennessee State University, the women's tennis team continued on their torrid pace through the AAC Conference schedule by winning the conference tournament 10-9 over UVA-Wise. The girls did it on doubles titles by no. 1 doubles Cassie and Cheri Lomison and no. 3 doubles of Lauren Douty and Jessica Conn, whose victories clinched tournament. The men's tennis team had a somewhat disappointing regular season by finishing fifth in the conference. In doubles, no. 1 doubles Tom Jones and Ryan Reynolds won the no. 1 overall doubles title, defeating Virginia Intermont and clinching second place behind VI.

Sisters double as tennis partners

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

Milligan's tennis teams advanced to the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association Region XII tournament last weekend. The women's team came in first place in the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament while the men finished in second place. The teams left yesterday to travel to the University of Indiana-Southeast at Community Park in New Albany, Ind.

The Lomison sisters, senior Cheri and junior Cassie, defeated Virginia Intermont College's women's tennis No. 1 doubles team last weekend at the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament to become the conference champions. The duo talks about their win, competing with each other and balancing studying with

matches.

Q: How long have you been playing tennis?

Cheri: Since I can remember. I think I picked up a racket around the age of 6 or 7. My older sister was playing high school tennis at that point, and Cassie and I decided that we wanted to learn how to play too.

Cassie: I have been playing tennis since I was 5 or 6. I was not in tournaments then, Cheri and I just went out at night with my dad and hit under the lights for hours.

Q: What type of competition will you be facing at the regional tournament?

Cheri: Pretty tough. Bethel has won some matches against some tough opponents and IU Southeast is ranked



Sisters Cheri and Cassie Lomison play doubles at the Appalachian Athletic Conference. The sisters became tournament champions.

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Lady Buffs anticipate softball tourney

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

They may have ended the season on a low note on Tuesday, but the Milligan College Lady Buffs softball team is ready to compete in the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament next week.

"I was very disappointed in the season and definitely expected our team to finish (ranked) one or two for the regular season," said head coach Wes Holly. "We returned the top two pitchers in the conference from last year, but they did not throw as well this year but we also were not a solid team defensively."

The Lady Buffs lost both games in a doubleheader against Tennessee Wesleyan College on Tuesday afternoon to end the regular season.

In the first game, senior Brandy Waddle, this week's AAC pitcher of the week, controlled the mound. Milligan held control up until the final inning. When Tennessee Wesleyan went to bat in the bottom of the seventh, Milligan led

4-2. After tying the game, Wesleyan third baseman April Green drove a three-run homer out of the park, defeating the Lady Buffs 4-7.

"Our pitching and defense did not close the first game," Holly said.

The second game followed a much different path when the Lady Bulldogs shut out Milligan 0-10.

"After the first loss, the team just did not collect themselves and was not focused to play the second game," Holly said.

Only junior Courtney Ruth and freshman Heather Poindexter were able to connect with the ball; nevertheless, their hits were not enough to put Milligan on the board.

"Our overall hitting was inconsistent as this is the lowest hitting team (.245) that I have ever had at Milligan College," Holly said.

"After we lost the first game we couldn't motivate ourselves to swing the bats (in the second game), which made for

a long game and resulted in a huge loss," Ruth said.

Milligan lost another doubleheader to Tennessee Wesleyan earlier in the season. The losses bring Milligan's regular season record to a final of 26 wins and 17 losses. Their conference record currently stands at 19-13.

It has yet to be determined when the Lady Buffs will face in the conference tournament which begins next Wednesday and will be held at the Bristol Sports Complex in Bristol, Tenn. The tournament brackets are scheduled to be announced tomorrow. "I suspect Milligan will be seeded fourth or fifth in the bracket," Holly said.

"We have set practices for the weekend and I spoke to the team in regard to the importance of winning the AAC," Holly said. "The tournament is a new season and a challenge to the players to prepare and play up to their potential in order to continue their post-season to regionals and even nationals."

Lessons learned through annual biology trips

By AUSTIN TURNER
Guest Contributor

Amidst the surging waves and stinging rain, the former sailboat sputtered its way through the furious Caribbean on an emergency diesel engine. The tropical storm had already shredded the sails and mangled the mast of the small vessel, and now it threatened to dishearten the crew. Captained by Dr. Gary Wallace, the boat kept afloat the lives of aspiring biologists from Milligan College.

Wallace, professor of biology, originally planned the trip as a snorkeling expedition to explore the coral reefs in the Caribbean. His plans changed, however, the first night when rain, which would persist nearly a week, began to soak spirits. This storm not only rendered some students' Dramamine useless, but more seriously it claimed the lives of 18 experienced sailors on a fishing boat nearby.

Though Dr. Wallace never wavered, his crew occasionally expressed doubt. One student, terrified of water flooding the cabin while he slept, strapped himself to the remaining half of the mast, like Odysseus preparing to face the sirens. One girl, over whose stomach the sea held dictatorial power, told Dr. Wallace with as brave a tone as she could muster, "I don't think I'm going to make it." Even in such

grim circumstances, Wallace, always the teacher, knew there was a lesson to be learned.

Years earlier in 1967, Wallace arrived at Milligan through the recommendation of a fellow colleague at the University of Tennessee. Dean Oakes hired him on the spot but made Milligan's purpose clear to the new biology professor when he said, "Any research you do comes out of your hide. This is a teaching institution." And so Wallace began to teach.

His first office helped him better identify with the students since it resided in Pardee Hall. Wallace quickly learned that he needed flexibility at a small college because at Milligan he was required to teach subjects outside his realm of specialization. This never deterred him, however, because he loved his students and colleagues.

In the classroom Wallace noticed that although students must cram some information into their heads through written memorization, it's best to use hands-on techniques whenever possible. This concept led to the first BARF trip in 1972 on the waters off Ocean City, Maryland. Wallace and fellow colleague Dr. Richard Lura, professor of chemistry, named the trip in retrospect after noting the green faces of eight participating

students. The name also had some biological significance as an acronym: Birds, Aquatic mammals, Research Foray.

Over the years students have received more from the trips than just a pale face. One sophomore student, who sacrificed his grades to ace class clowning, finally realized what he wanted to do with his life after his adventure with Wallace. The student completely turned around his collegiate career, making straight A's his junior and senior years. He went on to earn his doctorate in botany and is now the assistant herbarium director at the University of Tennessee.

Wallace uses this story to illustrate how each student is different. He believes that professors must have patience and look for alternatives to reach students.

The Caribbean crisis proved such an alternative. After Wallace successfully led the emotionally and physically exhausted students back to Miami, they began to realize what the trip had taught them. At a rest stop on the way home, a group of the students approached Dr. Wallace and said, "This trip wasn't what we thought it was going to be, but we learned a lot about ourselves."

So apart from viruses, photosynthesis and rose-breasted grosbeaks, Wallace equips students for life by teaching them to study themselves.

'We love our enemies with bullets'

BY ANDY IRVIN
Guest Columnist

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5:9 "Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual up-building." Romans 14:19

When will we accept responsibility for the countless acts of violence and aggression that occur because of our perpetual inaction? Do we really want to live in a world where the lion lays down with the lamb? Do we really crave peace? Do we strive for gentleness?

In recent years, the actions of the United States against the world's "evildoers" have shown that this country is not willing to work to pursue peace. It

is easy for America to respond to conflict by utilizing its massive stockpile of munitions. Over a 229-year history, America has demonstrated that it will not hesitate to overthrow, massacre, pillage or plunder any one person or group to secure its interests. Its way of life has been founded with the blood of the weak and the tears of the oppressed.

To quote John Lennon's song, as Christians living in America, we "Imagine" all of the ways that our world could be improved, but we continually fail to change. We see the "neon sign flashing," we note that the "times are changing," but we dare not disturb these sounds of apathy, these sounds of injustice, these "sounds of silence." We

partake in classroom discussions about the importance of living like Jesus, yet we fail to follow Jesus' teaching.

Jesus abhorred violence. Find one example of Jesus calling for aggression. Find one example of Jesus instructing his followers to repay evil for evil. Jesus, who we struggle to imitate every day of our lives, faced persecution and hatred, understood the cost of non-violence and instructed us to not partake of vengeance but to love our enemies.

How do we respond to such a request? How do we interpret these words of love? We hide behind our institutions. Like many Christians in Germany during the 1930s, we fail to take a stand, we fail

to voice opposition, and we support an embracing a culture of violence. We love our enemies with bullets.

We need to change. We need to move the focus. We need to be able to discern the times and actions that are violent, disrupt the Kingdom of God. Our churches need to put on a display we believe there is a better way. We need to demonstrate this benefit to our daily lives.

Milligan needs to make a statement about our purported position of peace and not sit silent, nestled in these serene halls. Milligan is a sleeping giant, lulled to inaction by fears of worldly judgment. Let us awake as a community and live boldly like Jesus. Let us abhor violence. Let us love our neighbors as ourselves.

Respect: Have you eaten your slice of humble pie today?

BY ERIN BLASINSKI
Senior Writer

I'm pretty sure, and someone can correct me if I'm wrong, but Galileo proved that the earth revolves around the sun. Why is it that some people think that the world revolves around them? Now, I'm not going to start ranting and raving but instead, I am going to simply remind everyone that we need to be respectful of others here on campus and take care of the facilities that we have been provided.

Respect. Oxford Online Dictionary defines the noun form of the word as "1. a feeling of admiration for someone because of their qualities or

achievements, 2. due regard for the feelings or rights of others," and the verb form as "1. to feel or have respect for, 2. avoid harming or interfering with, 3. agree to recognize and abide by."

It's such a small word, but it carries a big challenge: stop, eat a slice of humble pie and question whether or not the action you are about to take will show respect to those around you.

After living in our little community here at Milligan for four years I have come to realize that some people have never been taught what respect is. Being respectful isn't hard but requires one to think before taking action. Here are some simple suggestions, based on the definition above, for showing respect here at Milligan.

"Due regard for the feelings or rights of others." Park in your designated parking lot. Boys with blue stickers need to park in front of their dorm. Girls with red stickers need to park in front of their dorm. Freshmen with yellow stickers need to keep their cars parked behind their respective dorms. I don't understand why it is so difficult for some boys to walk up the hill to eat in the cafeteria. Enjoy being outside and get a little exercise. It's good for you. I know I am not alone in expressing my frustration in finding cars with little blue stickers in the Sutton lot.

"To feel or have respect for, agree to recognize and abide by." If you use any college facility for a party or get-together, please clean up after yourself. It isn't fun

cleaning up after a large group of people who leave cake, soda, plates and trash everywhere. Didn't your mom teach you how to pick up after yourself? My mom did. It's simply respecting the property of someone else. Would you go into a stranger's house, have a party and then leave them all your junk to clean? I'd hope not. Taking care of your property and other's property is a very simple way to show respect. It recognizes that you have been blessed and are willing to treat that space with the utmost respect.

"A feeling of admiration for someone because of their qualities or achievements." Attending chapel and convocation should be a time to show respect for God and for those who are speaking. Attendance is required and isn't necessarily what everyone wants, but nevertheless, we have to be there. I think I was most embarrassed this semester when Claudia Stevens, "An Evening with Madame F," came and shared her amazing talents with us, and my fellow classmates thought it was funny to let their cell phones ring. Not just once but twice. How rude! And why is it funny to set alarm clocks to go off during SGA elections? Had I been giving a speech during that commotion I would have been mortified. Would you have been able to gather your thoughts clearly if you had been giving a speech?

Every week I sit in chapel and watch people sleep, play games on cell phones, study or talk to their neighbor. Chapel is the one time a week we have built into our

schedules to sit in the presence of God and some don't take advantage of that. Chapel needs to be a time where we respect the talents of those who are leading our worship and expect that God will touch our hearts with the message.

In Philippians 2:3-4, Paul reminds us to be respectful. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also the interests of others." The very next line states that our attitude should reflect that of Christ Jesus. If you call yourself a Christian, then examine your attitude in the mirror. Does it reflect Christ? Do your actions reflect selfish thoughts or do you consider the interests of others before you do something?

I think that we all need this reminder, myself included. It is easy to get caught up in a world that is so consumed with pleasing every selfish desire that crosses our minds. But it is also easy to be consumed with the thoughts of being like Christ; it might just take a little extra energy. In the remaining days of the semester, bear in mind the interests of others, respect those around you and seek to find the attitude of Christ which reflects humility, servanthood and love.

With my four years quickly coming to an end, I leave you with the words of Paul from 2 Corinthians 13:14 "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

'All by myself'

BY MISSIE MILLS
Managing Editor

You know that part of "Bridget Jones's Diary" where Renee Zellweger sits on the couch and sings "All By Myself"? She's pathetic, and besides her being a lush, we're just alike. I feel like Bridget sometimes. I came to Milligan all by myself and am leaving alone too.

I don't mean that I'm depressed or lonely or anything. I mean that after graduation I will be venturing off to my new job, and I will have to go alone. I will not have my mentoring group to be my friends. I will not have my advisor to hold my hand. I am going to stand among thousands of recent college graduates and make myself stand out. And I have to do it alone.



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WEEKEND FORECAST Weather

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Friday: High 70, Low 59
Saturday: High 69, Low 42
Sunday: High 67, Low 44



Sisters double as tennis partners (continued)

some matches against some tough opponents, and IU Southeast is ranked 20th in the nation.

Cassie: I think the competition at regionals will be tough. Our team will have to show up and give 110% in order to win our first round against Bethel College. If we end up winning our first round we have to turn around and play Indiana Southeast who will be incredible hard. I think it is very possible (to win the matches), and I know that the girls want to win regionals.

Q: How does it feel to be a conference champion? What was your reaction when you first found out the results?

Cheri: Being a conference champion is something I've wanted for four years. To win the championship my senior year is amazing, and I'm still incredibly psyched about it. Of course when we won

a smile was plastered to my face, but the entire tournament weekend was full of emotion. We all wanted it so badly. After several key matches in which our team pulled out victories, I welled up with tears because everyone was playing with so much heart. I'm really proud of all the girls and sharing this victory with them makes it even sweeter.

Cassie: Being a conference champion is amazing! We knew this year that we had the chance to be conference champs, and all of the girls have worked really hard to make that happen. When Cheri and I ended up winning in the finals against VI, who was undefeated during the season, I had tears streaming down because this was Cheri's last year in tennis, and I wanted to win most importantly for her because she deserves to be a conference champion. Credit definitely goes to Jessica Conn and Lauren Douty for

pulling out the final match in order for us to win the tournament. The pressure was on, and they definitely rose above it all. They played amazing, and if it were not for them, we wouldn't have been the champs.

Q: How do the two of you make your doubles team work?

Cheri: We've been playing together for so long now that we have a great awareness of each other on the court. If one of us is struggling with a particular shot that day, we can usually help each other figure it out. Usually our plan when we get on the court is to be aggressive, attack the net and always keep our feet moving - a simple yet important part of doubles.

Cassie: Communication is what makes our doubles team work. I know I can count on Cheri to help me out when I am struggling with particular shots that

day, and she knows that I will help her as well. It also helps that we have been playing with each other for a long time. We know each other's strengths and weaknesses, and we adjust to that on the court.

Q: How are you going to balance studying for finals since you will be on the road for the coming weekend?

Cheri: I'm not planning on studying at all. There's no point. We'll be back Saturday night, and I'll have all day Sunday to hit the books. This could possibly be my last weekend of collegiate tennis, and I want to be able to savor it.

Cassie: Well, I debated on whether to bring books or not because I have two finals on Monday, but I plan on studying while we travel. Once we get there, we have to focus 100 percent on tennis if we want to win. So while we are there, the books are packed away.

Senior editorial 'All by myself' (continued)

I thought I came to Milligan to be equipped, but last week my mom told me that I came to leave. "Missie, we sent you so you could graduate," she said. "You went to college to get through it." This is hard to hear because I am very comfortable here. Milligan is a safe place.

I have made wonderful friends. I have stayed up all night for Perkins runs and taken road trips. I've had a terrific time acting in plays and musicals; I was fortunate enough to be involved in the

One Acts and major productions every year. I feel like I have learned much about myself through music, theatre and journalism.

I have gained the tools it takes to be "successful" in this life. Now that my time here is up, I am terrified to look to the future. They tell me I will change lives and shape culture. Why then do I just want to stay here another year?

It's not that I don't have opportunities waiting for me. I have been selected for a

Walt Disney World internship. I have also applied to the Trinity Forum Academy. And if I wanted to, I could get a job at the Johnson City Press. I guess I could be a perpetual student. I simply do not know what to do with my life.

Do you know why high schoolers think they have the world figured out? Because they do. At the age of 18, you have everything sorted out. Your world is so small that you have had time to understand everything in it. And then you

go to college and get smacked in the face with reality.

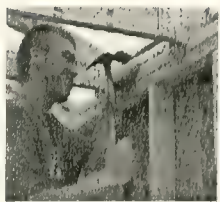
When I came in as a freshman, I knew exactly what I was going to do for the rest of my life. Now as a senior, I am baffled as to what to do for the next six months.

So here is my reality check. The world is bigger than the bubble that is Milligan College. In nine days I will travel far from Tennessee and my alma mater to start a new chapter in my life. And I will do it all by myself.

Memories of Marvelous Monday



Photos by Diane Hastetler & Brian Goad



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Saturday: High 85,
Low 58
Sunday: High 87,
Low 59

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Just a MINUTE

Soccer men beat Harris Stowe College.



Milligan men
soccer opens
home season
with a 6-0 victory
over Harris
Stowe College.

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In the world ...

Days after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, Louisiana and large portions of Mississippi, hundreds of thousands of Americans are without food, water and shelter, and over five million people are without electricity. With 80 percent of the city underwater, New Orleans is being completely evacuated as the city could possibly be inoperable for months. New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin is estimating that hundreds and maybe even thousands of citizens are dead. Thirty thousand National Guard and active-duty troops will be deployed this weekend to aid in the largest domestic military relief effort in America's history. With the destruction of oil supplies, prices of gasoline rose to over \$3 per gallon in some states.

Weekend Sports

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1 p.m. Women's soccer
@ Northwood University
6:30 p.m. Men's soccer
at home vs. Lee University

Saturday, Sept. 3:

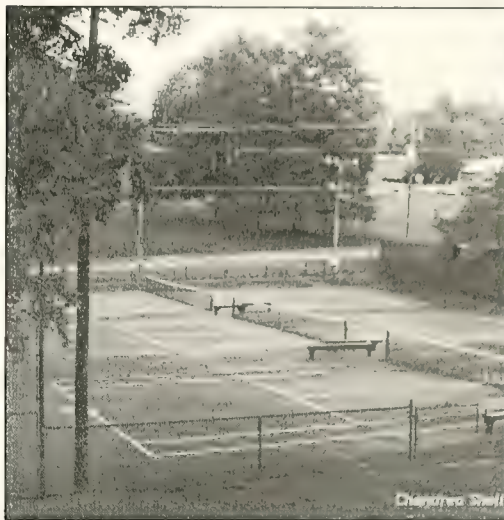
Cross Country @ VA Tech Invite
1 p.m. Women's soccer @ Thomas University
1:30 p.m. Volleyball @ North Greenville College
4:30 p.m. Men's soccer vs. Berry College

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Milligan: Before & After



Milligan's campus was transformed this summer when the tennis courts were torn down in preparation for construction of the new convocation center.

By MANDI MOONEY & ANNA GINDLESERGER
Editor-in-Chief & Managing Editor

Shortly after returning to campus for the start of the semester just two weeks ago, Milligan's upperclassmen gradually began noticing several distinct changes around campus. Some changes, such as the destruction of the old tennis courts, were easy to notice. Other changes were not quite so obvious.

"We do a certain amount of improvements every summer based on what resources we have," said President Don Jeanes. "We spent over \$100,000 (this summer). Well, actually, if you figure in the McCown (Cottage) addition, we spent over \$200,000."

Site preparation for the convocation center on the site of the old tennis courts began this summer in July. Early preparations hit a stumbling block when it became apparent the trees surrounding the area, especially the large oak tree, would have to be cut down.

"When you end up with a building that displaces a certain amount of square footage, you've got to put the building where it will fit," Jeanes said. "We started out trying to squeeze that in between some trees and it didn't work. You just couldn't get that size building in there without the building backing up against the trees."

Despite his reservations, Jeanes and the other members of the convocation center planning committee realized that the oak tree would eventually die if left in place.

"I was the last one who held onto the tree, but it was going to die," said Jeanes. "So it's better to take it down now than to build the building and try to figure out how to get that stump out of there a couple of years from now."

Site work to bury sewer lines and extend the commons area will begin in coming weeks once the city of Elizabethton issues a building permit. In order to bury the lines, Blowers Drive, the main road

through campus, will be closed in sections to all traffic during the day and to thru-traffic in the evenings.

Currently, the building is scheduled to be completed and available for use in the spring of 2007.

As construction for the convocation center began, the new Mathes Tennis Center next to the faculty office building was completed. According to women's tennis coach Marvin Glover the previous courts had been at that location since the late 1930s or early 1940s.

Though the courts themselves are ready to be used by the Milligan community, the facility will be totally finished only after a clubhouse is constructed next to the courts.

"When the project is completed, we will have one of the nicest facilities in terms of playing, coaching and viewing tennis in our region," Glover said.

The courts may only be used by staff, students and guests of Milligan College and Emmanuel School of Religion. Friends of the college may obtain a temporary pass to permit play. Players may occasionally be asked to show their Milligan ID cards by security personnel, and those without cards will be asked to leave.

Further construction on campus included renovations to the McCown Cottage Business Office. Work was supposed to be completed by Aug. 1.

"Inside is pretty well done except for some touch up painting and getting settled," said Jeanes. "The outside, obviously they've got to carry away the debris."

The building, which once served only as the financial aid office, will now house Milligan's new student financial services office. Combining the two offices into one building should help the financial process of the registration go more smoothly.

"Ideally, we'll get to a place where the financial part of registration will be like pre-registering for a class," said Jeanes.

"That's where we're moving, but I don't know how fast we will get there."

The new workout equipment housed in the upper level of the Steve Lacy Fieldhouse adds yet another change to Milligan's campus that is perhaps less noticeable but no less noteworthy.

A total of six new machines were purchased for \$16,000. The stationary bikes - two of which are elliptical and the other four regular - require no electricity and should withstand wear better than the previous equipment.

All ski machines were removed along with bikes which were damaged beyond repair.

"The money raised for this equipment was done through SGA and fundraising done through the Hyder House to young alumni," said Kim Parker, director of student life. Campus alumni gave \$8,000 to the project.

Vice President for Student Development Mark Fox said this project is the "first step of improving our exercising facilities."

Other improvements on campus included a change of décor in the Paxson Communications Building, continued construction of the new physical plant and installation of new desks and chairs in Hart, Sutton and Webb Halls.

As much as Milligan's campus has changed in the last several months, students can expect even more improvements throughout the next few years.

"One of my goals since I started in 1997 is to improve the physical plant and also the physical appearance of the grounds," said Jeanes. "Some of it is just normal summer work depending on what resources we have. Every summer we screen the floor in the cafeteria. This year we had to screen the floor in the gym. We put the new chairs in the SUB. We just try to figure out what's needed the most, what looks the worst, what needs attention and what we can afford."

RANDALL'S RAMBLINGS

College football begins this weekend

BY RANDALL MOORE
Sports Columnist

It's finally here! The last time that the world saw a college football game they were subjected to watching University of Southern California slaughter Oklahoma 55-19 to win the National Championship and the Rose Bowl in January. Now, with their Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Matt Leinart returning for his senior year and the most dangerous player west of the Mississippi River Reggie Bush also back, Southern Cal has dreams of a 3-peat national championship. They also debut at No. 1 in Randall Moore's preseason NCAA Super Ten rankings, followed by two teams that I see also going undefeated this year. Let's look at the list:

1. USC - Back-to-back national championships have them once again positioned at the top of the polls. They bring a 22-game winning streak into this season and look poised to run through the regular season undefeated again.

2. Ohio State - The Buckeyes return almost everyone back from the team that won five of their last six games including a 37-21 thrashing of archrival Michigan and a 33-7 Alamo Bowl pasting of Oklahoma State. Sophomore wide receiver/corner back/punt returner Ted Ginn Jr. will anchor the offense as he is on the short list of Heisman Trophy favorites.

3. Louisiana State University - Although Coach Nick Saban left the school he led to the 2003 National Championship to coach the NFL Miami Dolphins, new coach Les Miles received a fully stocked roster very capable of winning all their games and returning to the national championship game.

4. Texas - Led by quarterback Vince Young who was last seen running all over Michigan in the Longhorns' Rose Bowl victory, this could finally be the year that Texas defeats Oklahoma in the Red River Shootout and wins the Big XII. However, they face a stiff test very early in the season on Sept. 10 as they face Ohio State in the biggest non-conference NCAA game in the last five years. This game will be a National Championship elimination game for one of the two teams.

5. Iowa - How many people actually know that Iowa has won at least 10 games each of the last three seasons? Not many, but head coach Kirk Ferentz has his team poised for another run at the Big Ten Title with outstanding quarterback Drew Tate and two of the best linebackers in the country in Chad Greenway and Abdul Hodge.

6. Michigan - Yes, that is three Big Ten teams in the top six but Michigan deserves to be this high with their super sophomore backfield of quarterback Chad Henne and running back Michael Hart. Throw in two of the NCAA's best receivers in Steve Breaston and Jason Avant and a solid offensive line, and Michigan once again has the talent to challenge for a trip to the Rose Bowl and the national title game.

7. Florida - Yes, Tennessee was picked to finish ahead of Florida in the SEC this year. However, with new Coach Urban Meyer implementing the spread offense that he used to lead Utah to the bowl championship series last year and an undefeated season, the Gators, with returning junior Chris Leak at the helm, have the talent necessary to win the SEC East this year.

Visit www.milligan.edu/stampede to see Randall's final three picks!

Bufs dominate on home field



Left: Junior David Lilly dribbles down the field at the first home game against Harris Stowe College.
Above: Sophomore Nukotey Ashie shoots past Harris Stowe's goalkeeper to give the Bufs a 3-0 lead in the first half.

Jason Spencer

BY MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

The Milligan College men's soccer team swept Harris Stowe College (Mo.) 6-0 Tuesday night to open the home soccer season.

The Bufs gained the lead early when junior David Lilly scored only four minutes into the first half. Five minutes later sophomore Kyle Wilcox kicked in another goal to bring the score to 2-0.

For the majority of the first half

Milligan spent its time on the offensive side of the field as the team attempted to further its lead. Harris Stowe finally acquired control of the ball and headed down the field at the 14-minute mark. However, the Bufs quickly recovered control and sophomore Nukotey Ashie scored.

The score remained at 3-0 for the rest of the half as each of Milligan's attempts on goal was blocked by Harris Stowe's

goalkeeper Josh Malone.

The second half started off out like the first when sophomore Lee Vukobratovic scored after four minutes of play. Milligan's final two goals were added by sophomore Josh Stephens and Larry

The win, Milligan's first of the season, brought the team's record to 1-1. On their home field the Bufs will face Lee University tonight and No. 3 ranked Berea College tomorrow.

Volleyball gears up for new season

BY MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

Coach Kim Hyatt answered questions regarding this year's volleyball team who begins its season tomorrow.

Q: How many returning players do you have?

A: They're all returning except for one. I have eleven returners. I have one freshman.

Q: What are you expecting from your lone freshman Christy Degen as she enters into the team?

A: She's already been put into the mix. She played this weekend and did real well. She's a DS - defensive specialist - and she's done a great job. We recruited her namely for that position and that position only. Of course, she's 5 feet 3 inches so

that's probably why. She has really good lateral movement and reads the ball very well so that's what her role will be. She'll definitely be a player for us.

Q: Who are you expecting to step out on the court and be a leader this year?

A: We've already announced the captains which are Tara Earhart, Allison Langrel and Jaime Sly. I think the key thing though is everyone has stepped up from last year. It's unbelievable. They came in in-shape; they came in ready to play. We could even take a couple practice sessions off. We put those in the schedule to get them in shape, but they were already there. We've already had a scrimmage, and they won both games. They're more mentally ready I think than they were last year because they've had a year under their belt. But I think, all in all, I expect to win. We are

having a great time together, they are enjoying each other's company, everyone is very encouraging to everybody else. So I think it's really good right now.

Q: Who do you think is going to be the hardest team to beat?

A: In the letter I sent to the girls this summer, I told them we're not going to win 50 percent or 75 percent, we're going to win 100 percent. I mean, I honestly believe that. I think our tough competition will probably be Brevard (N.C.), our first home match next Tuesday. We played them in the spring, and they only beat us by two points. And we didn't have our setter; Jaime was out during that time. I think they'll be the toughest competition out of the whole conference. A lot of conference teams lost a lot of players this year, and we have the same people as we did last year.

Habitat reaches out to community

BY MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

Instead of spending their first Saturday morning at Milligan sleeping in, relaxing and enjoying brunch in the cafeteria, over 40 Milligan students and faculty joined forces with the Holston Habitat for Humanity at its first multi-home build in Elizabethton last weekend.

"This is the first (multi-build) for the whole Holston chapter, which is the Tri-Cities area," said senior Andy McNeely, president of Milligan's campus chapter of Habitat. "This is huge. This is awesome."

Volunteer workers from different organizations and churches as well as the Holston chapter are currently building three houses near South Hills Estates for families in need of decent shelter.

"It is based on a first come, first serve and need," said McNeely. "Families have to have a certain number of man hours - we call them 'sweat equity hours' - before we even break ground on their house. They always say that Habitat is not a hand out, it's a hand up."

Mark Matson, vice president for academic affairs and dean, and McNeely serve on the Holston chapter board of



Danielle Bush, Christi Bothwell, Kaci Campbell and a young volunteer give up their Saturday to serve others through the Holston Habitat for Humanity.

Brian Rossen

directors. For the past two years Matson has been the chairman of a task force planning the multi-build.

"We've been meeting monthly for about a year and a half now," said Matson. "We've been building committees to do

the work, to get the timetable in place, to get a group of people volunteering, raising some money...and just trying to get this whole thing together."

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Student voices concern over lack of trees, communication

By AMANDA MOORE
Guest Contributor

Since the beginning of conversation concerning the new convocation building, I vowed to make sure the large oak tree would not be cut down.

I bravely told friends and professors of daring attempts I was willing to make to save the tree. A few of my friends and I planned to climb up in the oak tree to save it. We saw people on TV do it, and we knew the hippies of the 60s and 70s did it, so we could easily pull off saving one tree, right?

Well, being a tree hugger isn't as easy as you would expect. Sometimes you actually have to hug the tree. Let me explain. On the morning of July 27 I was sitting comfortably at Hopwood Christian Church when I was told that tree cutters were preparing to cut down my beloved oak tree to which I had pledged my protection. As soon as possible, fellow tree hugger Mary Stephens and I headed to the tree. I wanted to get a ladder and climb up in the tree but couldn't because half of the tree's branches were already gone. Because we wanted to be somewhat rational but make a point, Mary and I decided to peacefully plant ourselves next to the tree, hoping our mere presence

would save the tree. The workers immediately asked us what we were doing. Mary replied, "We're just sitting here." The worker asked us to leave, but we didn't.

The older man who we presumed was the boss decided to try a scare tactic. He got in the huge machine with the really sharp blade and said he was cutting down the huge branch right above our heads. We just ignored him; we knew he wasn't going to kill us just to cut down the tree. However, Mary and I realized we were stupid if we expected to do any good by just sitting at the tree. We knew that eventually the tree workers would call the cops. Since we didn't really want to spend a night in jail and start our criminal records at such an early age, we made a plan. We knew we had to do the very thing we dreaded most - talk to President Don Jeanes.

Mary went to Jeanes' office while I remained at the tree. I tried to make small talk with the younger workers. We continued talking until I heard Jeanes' voice - then my blood ran cold with fear. Instead of immediately dismissing me from the college as I had expected, he explained to me why the tree was being cut down. He said the tree would die anyway if it remained while the new convocation

center was built. The big oak was also directly over top of the water, sewer and gas lines which need to be brought up to code with Elizabethton regulations. In order to do so, the workers would have had to cut through the tree's roots, thus irreparably damaging the tree. Also, since new lines would need to be laid for the new convocation building, the tree's safety would be compromised during that process.

The design for the theatre just did not allow for the tree to stay. My heart bled sap at that moment and has again several moments since then. I would love to have been able to save the tree, but I know that wasn't possible.

However, I feel that the communication factor was one which could've been better planned. Few people on Milligan's campus were prepared for the chaos which began on that sunny morning in July. Faculty and staff were sent an email after the tree cutting process had begun. Students were never informed of the drastic landscape change until they arrived on campus and observed the changes for themselves.

While I felt, and still do feel, that a new convocation building will enhance students' experience at Milligan, I hate that so many trees had to be sacrificed. During our conversation by the tree, Jeanes

confessed he shared my feelings of regret and added that the decision to cut the tree down was made only two days before. He also added that the tree cutters weren't expected to arrive on campus until later in the week.

Mrs. Jeanes confessed to her husband and me that the loss of our beautiful tree was a tragedy, but also noted that the rest of her work-crew were planting twice as many trees as were being cut down.

Over the course of the next few days more than a dozen trees were cut down. I have to admit I did cry once or twice, and I'm sure I yelled a few inappropriate words at the tree workers (only when they couldn't hear me, I think). However, deep down I knew that for Milligan's continue serving students, these changes had to take place. I trust that my days of active tree hugging duty are over, and I can retire to a life of reading short stories and solving algebraic equations.

The main outcome I hope to see is more communication. If premeditated decisions are made, it only seems logical that communication have a more active role than it currently does. I'm sure the trees would agree with me and are looking down on us as we walk to class wishing they could shade us with the bounty of their frondescence.

President responds to concern over construction

By PRESIDENT DON JEANES
Guest Contributor

This letter was originally e-mailed to the Milligan campus this summer after preconstruction work for the new convocation center began. It was submitted to The Stamped in response to the above printed editorial.

Dear campus:

I realize that there are many mixed feelings over the site preparation work and clearing of trees for the Convocation Center and Theatre project. That is certainly understandable. We all value and appreciate the natural beauty of our campus and work to enhance that as much as possible.

Clarinda and I personally have taken a special interest in improving the landscaping and aesthetics of campus. In fact we have planted approximately 75

trees since 1997 and we remain committed to that effort. Earlier this week we welcomed twenty-one friends and alumni to campus as part of the Restoration Crew that helps us make improvements to our buildings and grounds. In a few weeks we will be joining together as a campus to devote a work day to these same efforts as we prepare for our students to return. These work groups are all focused on improving our appearance. I appreciate everyone's commitment to and interest in the college's initiatives. This means that we are all passionate about the mission and life of this institution, and that is encouraging.

As much as anyone, I had hoped we could save the large oak tree next to the tennis courts. But the ultimate conclusion reached recently by the architects, builder, and our planning committee, including Dick Major, was that it was not possible to do so due to the sewer, electrical, and water lines running all around and under the tree. We were informed that the

construction work itself would seriously damage the tree and its root system and the backfill from extending the commons would result in several feet of additional soil being placed around the base of the tree. It also became evident that all the other trees in the construction area needed to come down, as well, due to site preparation work (they will be grading and filling in the slope from the Commons area down towards the road). We are also doing site work for phase two. I don't know when it will be built but doing the infrastructure now will be less expensive and less disruptive now than in years to come. We were disappointed by this conclusion but realize that it is in the best interest of the college.

It is certainly a stark view right now but I ask you to be patient with the process and patient with us as we work through this process. The end result will be a beautiful and long-awaited facility to serve our theatre program and entire campus community. In addition to the facility, the new landscaping, new trees, and entire commons area will further enhance our campus' natural beauty in some new and exciting ways as that center area of campus becomes more alive and inviting than ever before.

We will be working to further explain the construction process to you along the way in each stage. We are sorry that the tree cutting caught everyone by surprise, the contractor for taking down the trees had to leave for a 4-6 week job in middle Tennessee. Our goal will be to provide as much information in advance as possible about the process. I hope that all can be supportive of the project, it certainly advances the college and is a fulfillment of our commitment when we took the theatre out of Derthick. Admittedly, the process will at times be painful, but the end result will be something with which I think we will all be proud and pleased.

Thank you,
Don

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Volunteers will be working on the homes for the next few weeks. Milligan volunteers are slated to work the next two Saturdays.

"You saw lots of people interacting with the families," said McNeely. "There were a lot of (students) really impressed, really amazed at what they had done at the end of the day."

Habitat is an international, non-profit organization which has provided more than 175,000 homes to almost one million people since 1976.

"Habitat always has an extended list of people who have been qualified," said McNeely.

"I'm just convinced that this is a really good ministry," said Matson. "At some point, you've got to make the Gospel just real to people, and you do that sometimes by providing them housing and helping them gain dignity, become productive

individuals."

Since Milligan's chapter began in the fall of 2002 and then became an official chartered chapter in 2003, it has been mainly involved with community service work.

"We helped out at Appalachian Christian Camp, and we did a whole bunch of different stuff there," said McNeely. "We did brush clearing, we helped make the trails better, we went in and cleaned cabinets, we painted, we did roofing and all sorts of odds and ends."

McNeely said that the goal of Milligan's chapter of Habitat is to strike students' interest in the community as well as in Habitat.

"I think at college there are so many people who go to college and all they know is the college," said McNeely. "They don't know the people outside. So this gives everyone an opportunity to serve the community. That's the biggest thing - serving others."

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Just a MINUTE

Soccer teams beat Brevard College

The Lady Bulls soccer team pounded the Twisters 3-0 Thursday night. The Milligan men's soccer team moves its conference record to 2-0 after defeating Brevard College 2-1 Thursday night.

In the world ...

With the recent surge in oil prices, two of America's top airlines filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on Wednesday. Delta Air Lines, the nation's No. 3 airline, filed first and was shortly followed by Northwest Airlines, ranked No. 4. Both companies cited the rise in jet fuel prices as well as low-cost competition. Delta and Northwest join United Airlines and US Airways in bankruptcy, meaning that half of the U.S.'s airline industry will be operating from a dismal financial state. Since Sept. 11, the industry has lost \$32.3 billion and is expecting to lose another \$10 billion this year. Despite declaring bankruptcy, both airlines will continue to fly.

Weekend Sports

Friday, Sept. 16:

5 p.m. Volleyball

vs. Tennessee Wesleyan

Men's and Women's tennis @

ETSU

4 & 7 p.m. Softball @

Winged Deer Park

Saturday, Sept. 17:

Men and Women's tennis @

ETSU

Softball @ Winged Deer Park

10 a.m. Volleyball

vs. Covenant College

3:30 p.m. Volleyball

vs. Bryan College

5 p.m. Women's soccer

vs. Tennessee Wesleyan

7 p.m. Men's soccer

vs. Tennessee Wesleyan

Movies at Bonnie Kate

"Just Like Heaven" (PG-13)

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"Transporter 2" (PG-13)

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Milligan reaches out to Katrina victims

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

Just like the hundreds of volunteer groups and non-profit organizations all across America that have come together in the past two weeks in an effort to assist the thousands of people displaced by Hurricane Katrina, Milligan College is working to help serve those in need.

"Milligan's administration began almost immediately to collect information on opportunities to help the hurricane victims," said Lee Fierbaugh, associate vice president for communications.

Through the combined efforts of the school's administration, the Institute for Servant Leadership and the Linking Individuals to the Needs of the Community Volunteer Center, several avenues of service have been identified.

"We had several preliminary discussions and decided it was best to have a collective discussion to determine the best use of our resources - people and funds," Fierbaugh said.

On Sept. 8, Milligan announced that it would offer full-tuition scholarships to college students who had been displaced by the hurricane. More than 40 colleges in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama were affected by the hurricane and are either damaged or inoperable. Milligan is one of more than 900 colleges throughout the country who have pledged to offer some sort of assistance.

"Quite a few colleges across the U.S. were making similar decisions, all at varying degrees," Fierbaugh said. "It was wonderful to see academia responding in such a supportive way - waiving tuition is a notable and generous step for colleges and universities. We quickly agreed at Milligan that it was something we should certainly do as a college and that we should do as much as possible."

Since the announcement, only two students have experienced interest in attending Milligan, with one student already beginning classes earlier this week.

Along with providing free tuition for the fall and spring semesters, Milligan is helping by raising money to donate to World Vision, a Christian relief and development organization that has already provided emergency supplies for more than 10,000 evacuees.

The administration agreed to match up to \$3,000. After three collections, \$1,945 was raised, for a total of \$3,890.

"I feel it's important that we support these people because first of all we are Christians and are called to serve the least

Enrollment soars, retention drops



By AMANDA MOORE
Reporter

Milligan College has picked up a few more students as well as set a new school record this year as enrollment hit an all-time high of 964 students.

Milligan surpassed its previous 1998 enrollment record by 37 students, and last year's enrollment by 48 students. This year Milligan has seen an increase in transfer students, a high retention of junior and senior upperclassman and stronger graduate programs, all of which helped contribute to this record.

The Master of Education program has 99 students, a 29 percent increase from last year, while the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program has seen a

41 percent increase to 62 students. The Master of Business Administration program has 40 students in three classes this year.

Even though Milligan reached its highest enrollment this year, the freshman to sophomore retention rate fell to 73 percent. Tracy Brinn, director of enrollment management, said the freshman to sophomore retention is a three-year average of 78 percent while the national average for private colleges is 76 percent.

"I am pleased with the overall retention of the college in light of where the college has been in the past. We have made great strides to get to this point. I give credit to the entire Milligan community for the success," commented Brinn.

Dedication ceremony this Saturday

Milligan's new Mathes Tennis Center will be dedicated Saturday at 9 a.m. with a ceremony and a Milligan/Mathes Marathon Tennis Tournament.

The center will be dedicated in honor of 1942 Milligan alumnus and local physician Dr. W. T. Mathes. Mathes was one of the first students to play on the previous courts and will be the first person to hit on the new courts for the beginning of the tournament. One hundred doubles matches are planned and are open to alumni and friends.

Photo by: Jason Spencer



of these and serve those in need," said junior Emily Hand. "This is the least we can do, since it's American citizens, is to raise this money."

According to sophomore Melissa Thompson, LINC is planning on holding a car wash to help raise money, as well as collect donations such as soap and shampoo.

Several students and faculty have expressed interest in traveling to Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi to

assist the hurricane victims and the relief efforts.

Thompson said that no definite plans have been made, but taking a trip during fall or spring break has been discussed.

"Clubs are getting together plans and they can either go through LINC or they can do their own thing," Thompson said.

"This is something that most people are involving themselves at both the personal level, as well as at the organization level," Fierbaugh said.

RANDALL'S AMBLINGS

The WILD CARD

BY RANDALL MOORE
Sports Columnist

I'm not going to lie - baseball has become much more exciting since the 1995 season. That year Major League Baseball realigned each league and added a wild card team that would make the playoffs in addition to the three division champions in each league. The last three years, wild card teams have actually won the World Series: the Anaheim Angels in 2002, the Florida Marlins in 2003 and the Boston Red Sox last year. The Marlins have actually won the World Series twice in their 11 year history from the wild card spot, which is one more than the Atlanta Braves have won during their run of 14-straight National League East Division titles.

This year both the National League and American League wild card pictures are umbled messes with three weeks left in the regular season. In the American League, the Cleveland Indians currently have the lead by one game of the New York Yankees and one and a half games on the Oakland Athletics. In the National League, the Marlins have the lead by half a game over the Houston Astros, but the leader in the NL changes every day. The Marlins, Astros and Philadelphia Phillies have each led the wild card standings over the last week.

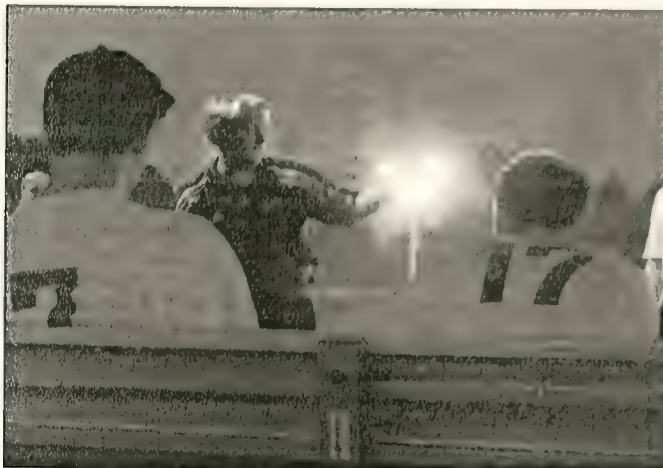
If not for the wild card most of the divisional races would already be over, and there would be no reason to watch baseball anymore this year. In the National League East the Atlanta Braves are on their way to their amazing 15th straight National League Division Title as they lead the Marlins by five games in the division. The St. Louis Cardinals lead the Astros by an astounding 15.5 games in the National League Central. The San Diego Padres lead the Los Angeles Dodgers by five and a half games in the National League West.

The American League has more interesting divisional races as the reigning World Series Champions Boston Red Sox lead the New York Yankees by two and a half games in the American League East. The Chicago White Sox lead the surprising Cleveland Indians by six games in the American League Central. And the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim lead the Oakland Athletics by one game in the American League West.

My choices for the Major League Baseball playoffs are as follows: In the American League, I see the Red Sox winning the American League East, the White Sox winning the American League Central, the Athletics winning the American League West and the Cleveland Indians winning the wild card. In the National League I have the Braves, Cardinals and Padres winning their respective divisions and the Marlins winning the wild card.

Baseball has become much more exciting with the expansion of teams as well as the added playoff games that came with the expanding of the league back in 1993 and then again in 1994. This year's wild card race promises to be as heated as ever.

Teamwork brings victory over rival



Coach Dixon taking a few moments out of the game to help guide the team to victory

By TROY CHILDRESS
Reporter

Jason Spencer

The Milligan College men's soccer team was in action against the Covenant College Scots last Saturday during their first conference game of the season. The Buffs improved their record to 3-3 for the season and 1-0 in the Appalachian Athletic Conference with a 2-0 victory.

"We've played for bits and pieces," said junior center midfielder and team captain David Lilly, "but this was the first time we've played as a team for the whole game."

Junior Caleb Bollman scored first in the 55th minute from sophomore Michael Negussie's assist. Lilly scored the second goal in the 73rd minute off an assist from sophomore Kofi Frimpong. Milligan out shot their rival 11 to seven in its third shutout of the season. Junior goalkeeper Jordan Fode aided in the shutout by recording two saves.

Juniors Lilly and Joel Wanyoike said the key factor to the victory was that the Buffs played together as a team. Wanyoike

and this played a big role in winning the match.

Covenant's coach, Mike McMillan, said that the team was very disappointed in the loss. He said that the team was very disappointed in the loss. He said that the team was very disappointed in the loss.

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Wanyoike is happy with the team. He said, "They've all played competitive soccer before so they understand."

According to Lilly, Dixon became a hard worker and "taught" how the team should play.

"We're taught to work hard as a team and there are no special players," said Lilly.

The Buffs take on conference foe Brevard College at home this Saturday.

Milligan's past brought to life

By DANIEL WALLEN
Reporter

When the student body, faculty and staff check their e-mail each day, they take a trip back into the archives of Milligan. Some students think of Phi Alpha Theta's "Today in Milligan History" emails as informative, while others view them as an annoyance. Despite what students may think, there is more to Phi Alpha Theta's history project than daily e-mails.

Phi Alpha Theta, Milligan's national history honor society, is collecting a database of Milligan-related events that have occurred throughout the history of

the college.

"The database does not yet have a Milligan-related event for each day of the year, but that of course is our goal," said Dr. Ted Thomas, the club's advisor and associate professor of humanities, history and German.

The society plans to bring their findings to the public in several other forms. Thomas said, "We have speculated about including some of these dates in next year's student handbook and of producing a desk calendar based on our finds."

Phi Alpha Theta has utilized many resources to bring together information. These include old issues of *The Stamped*,

yearbooks, building plaques, local newspapers, official college documents and cemeteries.

Dr. Thomas does not believe there is a sufficient amount of interest in the heritage of Milligan and hopes to change that through this project.

"So many are not aware of the colorful personalities who contributed to the establishment and growth of the college," Thomas said. "We have some truly outstanding alumni, and it just seems a shame that our students and newer faculty and staff do not know about the governors, pastors, spies and athletes that are part of Milligan's heritage."



Milligan's annual Rush Day offers all students, especially freshmen, the opportunity to get involved with different organizations, including two new clubs, on Sept. 13.

Top: Students see the importance of service and participation in Milligan's annual Rush Day. Students rush to sign up for various clubs and organizations.

Kevin C. Smith

Dating advice: Don't date as a freshman

BY AMBER SAFERIGHT
Guest Contributor

To the class of 2009: If I could tell you one thing, it would be this - do not date your first semester.

Yeah, you've probably heard this one before! I'm perfectly fine with repeating it. It's the type of advice that you ignore when you hear it, remember after you made the famous mistake and, when you're an older, wiser sophomore, you will repeat it to incoming freshmen. So goes the cycle.

Let me give you the breakdown: college does not exist for you to get a "Mrs." degree. College is a marvelous experience during which you may find the love of your life, but first, adapt to your new life, schedule, culture... you.

To me, the liberal education that Milligan endorses means that you are discovering yourself for the first time. Thus far, you have been defined by your household, what you've been brought up to

believe, etc. Every one of the things that has defined you up to this point will probably be challenged. The last thing you need is a girl or boy to impress. Standing on your own and knowing that it's God, not a member of the opposite sex, who validates you is perhaps the most important thing you will ever learn in college.

Besides "searching for yourself," first and foremost you have your grades to consider! And, because Social Affairs is "where college really happens," you also want to meet as many new friends as possible. Believe it or not, it's hard to get to know people when you are attached at the hip - or lip as it may be - to a significant other.

Dating someone seriously is not a good idea at the start of your freshman year. However, I advocate having fun. TWIRP week is one of the best weeks of the year. I guess it's because guys are intimidated by me, but I've only been

asked out a handful of times - hinted at, but rarely asked out. Every dance has been a Sadie Hawkins for me. Thus, I am a natural at TWIRP week. However, there are three rules of TWIRP week to live by:

#1: Just because you had a fun TWIRP date does not mean you should now be boyfriend and girlfriend. There are countless relationships that begin and end during TWIRP week - girls, if you're going to date someone, date on his dollar!

#2: Have fun. I tend to ask friends that I haven't hung out with in ages or boost a guy's self esteem by going with a couple girls and splitting the cost of the date. Make the ratio work for you!

#3: Be a player. But don't go broke.

I guess by now you're thinking that it's easy for me to say all this. After all, I'm a senior with a boyfriend. Granted. But the advice comes from both personal experience and three years of watching others get their first semester distorted by hormones. Very few first semester

relationships last long term. I can tell you what I want to keep in mind as you begin the first semester: do not date. Please, prioritize. You have a lot to learn.

The more I go through college, the more I realize God has a plan for my life. He has good things in store for me, but I must first be a good person. If you have been dating someone since you dated, he puts the blame on you for not dating. It takes a while to be a good person, but you might as well start now.

So, hold off that date until the end of the semester, and heaven forbid you go to the gazebo! Life is too short to be a freshman attached your first semester.

P.S. If you take my advice to heart, also remember - anyone who really wants to date you would be willing to wait until the end of the semester or whenever you're ready.

Upperclassmen - just because it's not your first semester and you're starting to get scared - leave the freshmen in peace.

'Ye olde' ecologist stresses understanding, appreciation

BY DR. JULIE WADE
Guest Contributor

A Letter to Amanda Moore:

Amanda, although we have never met, I want you to know that I feel your pain! I, too, was devastated when that beautiful 90-year-old red oak tree was removed. In fact, I stopped in the middle of the road,

staring in shock at the devastation and soon had tears streaming from my eyes. What a magnificent tree it was! Red oaks can live hundreds of years, and that one would have been around long after the new convocation center had fallen into ruin.

We all understand the rationale for its removal - space was needed for our new convocation center, and there was concern about damage to the root system of the tree if the building had been built around it.

Besides, we have been told that more "trees" will be planted in its place. What most developers don't understand and appreciate is the concept of "old growth" forests that have been around for hundreds, even thousands of years.

There are stages of ecological succession that land passes through that ultimately lead to a stable ecosystem. With each stage the composition of flora and fauna changes as new and different species invade the area. This process takes hundreds of years, assuming that the area is left untouched by humans. With each human intervention, the process must begin all over again.

Granted, we are talking about only one tree in this instance, but I wanted everyone to understand how very special that tree was. It was here long before any of us arrived on this planet, and it would have been here long after we all go to heaven. Such a sacrifice was made to provide a much needed building for our campus, and I appreciate that, especially for Dick Major and Alice Anthony who desperately need the space.

So what is my "take home" message?

Be good stewards of God's creations as you go through life, and appreciate the beauty and diversity of life that He has given us. Never take for granted that it is "just a tree." Each species plays an integral and useful role in our beautiful world whether that role is to provide us with oxygen and shade - in the case of a single tree - or to provide us with incredible beauty in our environment.

Ye Olde Ecologist,
Dr. Julie Wade
Professor of Biology

Plane thriller crashes, burns

BY AARON HUDDLESTON
Guest Columnist

Lisa Reisert boards a red-eye flight back to Miami only to find herself seated next to a terrorist who needs her help for his latest assignment. Sounds like the plot line for an amazing film, doesn't it? It sounds like it would play on some of the deepest fears of all Americans, hold us on the edge of our seats, make our hearts pound in our chests, make us grab the seatback in front of us until our knuckles turn white and leave us terrified to set foot on a plane, right?

That's what I thought. With Wes Craven behind the wheel, the movie "Red Eye" promised to be a great thriller. However, this film proved far less satisfactory than its premise and director promised.

The storyline for this film was good. Reisert (Rachel McAdams) is a manager at a hotel in Miami, Fla. After her grandmother's funeral, Lisa boards a red-eye flight back to Miami. On this flight she is seated next to Jackson Ripner (Cillian Murphy), a man who works with terrorists in government overthrows and assassinations. Ripner informs Reisert that if she doesn't help him by getting the hotel to move a high-ranking government official to a certain room, he will have her father (Brian Cox) killed. In all, this is a good story.

The cinematography was mediocre. The movie contained one or two good shots, a few unique and interesting shots, but also many awkward shots. It also failed to set a mood for the movie. The

movie felt just matter-of-fact. There was no suspense, no fear, no intrigue in the mood set by the cinematography of this film.

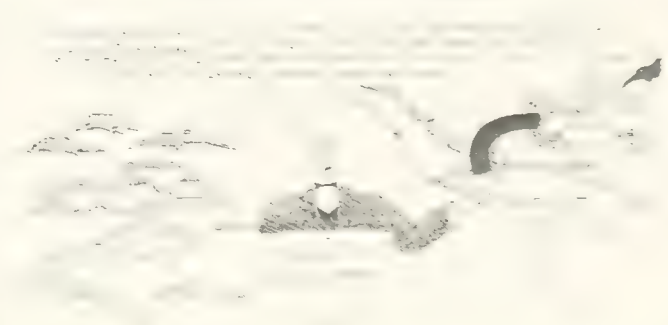
The acting was the only part of this film that I can speak exceptionally highly of. Rachel McAdams is the perfect heroine. She is strong, courageous and intelligent. At the same time, however, she is vulnerable. She makes it easy for the viewer to feel for her and root for her.

Murphy is amazing as the villain of this film. He puts you at ease, makes you like him and then turns around and becomes truly disgusting. His character's creepiness comes not from how freaky or weird he is. Instead, his creepiness comes from how frighteningly normal he is. Murphy brilliantly blends the normal exterior of the character with the evil that lurks beneath the surface.

In the end, I gave "Red Eye" 2 stars out of 5. To say the acting was too good for the film, as I know many reviewers have already said, would be an understatement. A promising story was crippled by terrible cinematography. Brilliant acting was devalued by poor directing. A film with great potential was squashed and became a terrible film. Craven didn't live up to his reputation on this attempt.

If you are looking for a good laugh, "Red Eye" might be a film to see. I found myself laughing hysterically at portions of the film that weren't supposed to be funny. If, however, you are looking for a thriller, avoid this Wes Craven film at all costs. Better luck next time, Wes.

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Church search: A survey of local options

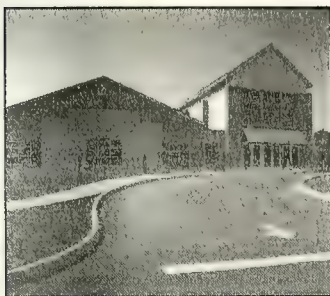
BY KRISTEN OXLEY & AMANDA MOORE
Reporters

Many first-year students find it hard to adjust to life at Milligan College, particularly during the beginning of the semester. While trying to figure out what class is where with which professor, students are making new friends, buying the appropriate books, organizing their belongings into half of a 10x17 room and adjusting to living with a complete stranger.

After things calm down, students often begin adjusting to the community around Milligan. Trying to navigate around Johnson City, locate the closet Wal-Mart, figuring out which restaurants offer student discounts. This adjustment also includes finding a church.

When trying to figure out which church to attend, students consider several factors including opportunities for involvement, worship, distance and service times as well as the church's values and beliefs.

To help give students options for local area churches, *The Stamped* is highlighting four churches that Milligan students and faculty attend.



Grace Fellowship Church

Photo by: Cassie Lomison

Service Times

Saturday at 6 p.m.
Sunday at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Service Style

All services are contemporary and identical. The services combine a mixture of teaching, music, media and drama to communicate the message.

Worship Style

The worship style varies to include a full band or only a piano.

Mission

"Building a Community to Reach a Community"

Communion

Communion is served periodically throughout the year. The congregation is asked to come forward to take communion and then return to their seats to partake of the elements individually.

Distance from Milligan/Transportation

GFC is about 15 minutes from Milligan and is located behind the campus of East Tennessee State University in Johnson City.
GFC does not provide transportation

How many Milligan students attend GFC?

Roughly 70 students

What kind of opportunities are there for students to get involved?

Community groups - take the place of Sunday school and meet weekly in various homes
Internship opportunities - a variety of internship options are available for Milligan students

Contact info

<http://www.gracejohnsoncity.com>
(423) 928-5601



Hopwood Memorial Christian Church

Photo by: Mahdi Mooney

Service Times

Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday school begins at 10 a.m.

Service Style

Two services offer identical traditional styles.

Worship Style

The worship style at Hopwood is traditional, using hymnals during worship time instead of a PowerPoint screen.

Mission

Senior Minister Tim Ross notes, "At Hopwood ... distinctions get set aside as we try to pay attention to the Word of God, the Lord's Table, prayer and life lived in community."

Communion

During communion, ushers pass the communion plates around the church as the congregation takes the elements individually.

Distance from Milligan/Transportation

Hopwood is a small church located behind Derthick on Milligan's Campus. Most students who attend Hopwood walk to the church.

How many Milligan students attend Hopwood?

40 to 50 students

What kind of opportunities are there for students to get involved?

Morning prayer group - weekdays at 7:30 a.m. for prayer and communion
Afternoon prayer group - weekdays at noon to read from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.
Adoration - contemporary worship service on Tuesdays at 9 p.m.

Contact Info

www.hopwoodcc.org
(423) 926-1194



Crossroads Christian Church

Photo by: Ryan C. Harris

Service Times

Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday service begins at 10:55 a.m.

Service style

Blend of contemporary and traditional style

Worship style

Praise band with worship music

Mission

Working on mission statement at this time, but senior minister Clinton Andrews believes that their goal is "to serve the community for Jesus in order to win the community to Jesus."

Part of proposed mission statement "Empower and equip those who attend Crossroads to have an impact on the people they encounter on a daily basis."

Communion

Communion is served every week by passing trays through the aisles

Distance from Milligan/Transportation

About 16 miles, or 25 minutes, from Milligan College. Transportation is not provided for Milligan students.

How many Milligan students attend Crossroads?

Around 30 students

What kind of opportunities are there for students to get involved?

Common Ground - Wednesday night service
Underground - Young adult fellowship time at 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday
Deeper - Sunday Bible study at 7 p.m.
Social events - Formal events or service projects about once a month

Contact info

<http://www.cccgray.us>
(423) 477-2229



Lifehouse Church

Photo by: Jason Spencer

Lifehouse is a new church in the area that held its first public service on Sept. 11 in Reel to Reel theaters. Approximately 35 people currently attend the church. They consider themselves a marketplace church with a demographic between 18-35 year olds, so they will never have a formal church building but will minister to the needs of an area at the time

Service times

Sunday at 10 a.m.

Service style

Contemporary service with music, drama and teaching to communicate the message.

Worship style

Worship includes a guitar and a drum set with a Vespers feel to it.

Mission

Lifehouse values the children and believes they need to strongly invest in them, and they believe that the next generation can be better than the one now. They also value everyone working together to become the body of Christ based on Romans 12:4-5

Communion

Communion is taken once a month as people come up to the front. They believe that communion has a truer meaning if it is less often and does not just become a weekly tradition.

Distance from Milligan/Transportation

About 10 minutes away. They do not provide transportation for Milligan students.

How many Milligan students attend Lifehouse?

There are not yet any regular Milligan students, but seven students attended last week's service.

Contact info

Reel to Reel Theatre
(423) 282-3557



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Weekend Forecast
Saturday: High 81,
Low 56
Sunday: High 83,
Low 57

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Just a MINUTE



Soccer teams win against Pikeville

The Milligan College women's and men's soccer teams defeated Pikeville College (Ky.) 20-0 and 13-0 respectively on Wednesday night.

Local News ...

David Crockett High School senior Courtney Hensley died Saturday, the night after being crowned Homecoming Queen, in a car crash which left friend Courtney Beard severely burned. A speeding Ford Mustang driven by Bradley Mullins, 18, of Gray struck their Honda CRV from behind while the two girls were stopped at a traffic light in Johnson City. The Mustang's impact pushed the car more than 250 feet, causing it to burst into flames. Beard remains in critical condition at Vanderbilt Burn Center in Nashville. Police plan to press charges on Mullins upon his release from Johnson City Medical Center.

Weekend Sports

Friday, Sept. 30:
Cross Country @ Mountaineer Open (Boone, NC)
Tennis @ ITA Regional Tournament (Nashville, TN)
Volleyball @ Savannah Art & Design Spikefest Tournament
3:00 p.m. Men's Soccer
vs. Bluefield College

Saturday, Oct. 1:
Men and Women's tennis @ Emory & Henry Doubles Tournament
9 a.m. Volleyball @ Savannah Art & Design vs. St. Thomas University
3:45 p.m. Volleyball @ Savannah Art & Design vs. Webber International University

Movies at Bonnie Kate

"Just Like Heaven" (PG-13)
(01:41): 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
"Flightplan" (PG-13)
(01:33): 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

Hurricane Blows Brennan Home

By ABBY CONLEY
Guest Reporter

When Milligan College, along with several other Council of Christian Colleges and Universities schools, offered to accept students displaced by the hurricane, only one student showed up - James Brennan.

Brennan now resides in Webb 214 and is pursuing a degree in education, hoping to one day teach high school math, at least for a little while.

However, this is not Brennan's first time at Milligan. His father was in the Air Force, and his family lived in the Philippines until his father's retirement. Then, his father dedicated his life to work in the ministry, and the family moved to the Johnson City area in 1996 while his father pursued a master of divinity degree at Emmanuel School of Religion.

Brennan lived just behind Milligan's campus for seven years, until halfway through his high school career. For seven years Brennan worshiped at Hopwood Christian Church and often came to Milligan College campus, sometimes just to explore.

Two years ago Brennan's father was



Freshman James Brennan joined the Milligan community after being displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Ryan C. Harris

serving as chaplain at the Veteran Affairs Hospital in Johnson City. From there, he assumed the same position at the VA hospital in Biloxi, Miss. and moved his family there.

Brennan finished high school in this coastal town, the third largest city in the state of Mississippi. Upon graduation in the spring of 2005, he enrolled in Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College at a campus about 100 miles from his parents' home.

Brennan, however, was home when the hurricane struck. Residents of Biloxi were not forced to evacuate, and so Brennan was asleep in his own bed during

the storm. He woke up to find his room in ruins.

I woke up during the storm, and Brennan. I think I was during the strongest part, and I went outside to see what it looked like. I turned the door to the front door. I didn't have time to see the wind blew it straight open. I had to fight to close it again.

In a community where some homes were destroyed, his parents' home was barely damaged during the storm. The roof needed shingles replaced and a small hole repaired.

"Actually," Brennan said, "my parents and younger brother are still in Biloxi. God brought them there for a reason, and they feel that they haven't fulfilled that calling yet." Both his parents were employed by the VA hospital in Biloxi; the only effects thus far are that they are working more than before.

The community college that Brennan attended has several campuses in the Gulf Coast region. Although only one of the campuses was damaged so badly that it had to be closed, students from all the campuses had to be shuffled around. Some withdrew, taking off either a semester or whole year off from school.

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The frustrations of supply and demand

By SARA MANNY
Guest Reporter

A major traffic jam occurs at Steve Lacy FieldHouse every day. The excitement of the recently added elliptical machines and bikes has created a dilemma. The reason: supply and demand.

Better machines are available now to work out on so more students are finding the time and motivation to use them. Good news for the financial supporters of the fieldhouse, bad news for the motivated students.

Juniors Melissa Klay and Amanda Harrison are often in the gym working out or sitting out, waiting for their turn. Harrison finds the new machines helpful but at the same time frustrating.

"It's annoying that I get dressed and motivated to go to the gym to work out, but I get there and have to wait 45 minutes to start," she said. "Sometimes I just don't even go up there because I figure it will be full."



Junior Reece Cubot spending time in the gym

Jason Spencer

Although the cardio room has been updated with six new machines, including four bikes and two elliptical machines funded by financial supporters such as the alumni association, students frequently find themselves waiting for a long time to use them. With no rule as to how long you can use the equipment, the electronically updated machines will actually set a time interval automatically which can be changed to user preference. On average, students work out for 30 to 45 minutes at a time.

Klay said she rarely went to the gym to work out before this semester but now finds herself making time to head to the cardio room because of the elliptical machines.

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Study abroad programs becoming popular trend

By CHRISTIAN THOMPSON
Reporter

Milligan College students are quickly gaining interest in experiences beyond campus borders - not only in the surrounding area but literally around the world. The number of students going outside the country is escalating, with the trend becoming increasingly popular. The faculty has noticed, students have noticed, even major study abroad placement programs have noticed.

Kristin Johnson, a senior English and secondary education major said the director of Christian Missionary Fellowship International (CMF), Jeff Prus, told her that "Milligan has the leading number of students who do CMF."

Amber Palmer, marketing manager of student programs for Council for

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RANDALL'S AMBLINGS

The ten spot

Top ten in football for the week

BY RANDALL MOORE
Sports Columnist

1. University of Southern California teases us, then pleases us: No. 1 ranked Southern Cal fell behind 13-0 against Oregon on Saturday, only to score 45 unanswered points to win 45-13.

2. Costly victory for the Patriots: Defending Super Bowl Champions the New England Patriots defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday 23-20 but lost All-Pro safety Rodney Harrison for the season after he tore his anterior and posterior cruciate ligaments (ACL and PCL) and medial collateral knee ligament (MCL).

3. Virginia Tech makes a huge statement: Saturday's 51-7 victory over Georgia Tech showed off how balanced third ranked Virginia Tech is. Virginia Tech scored on a blocked field goal for a touchdown and returned two interceptions.

4. The Bengals are 3-0: For the first time since 1990, the Cincinnati Bengals started the season 3-0 with a dominating 24-7 victory over the Chicago Bears. The Bengals defense intercepted five passes for the second week in a row, becoming the first team since the 1971 Cleveland Browns to accomplish that feat.

5. Michigan State becomes a factor in Big Ten race: Michigan State, long considered a non-factor in the Big Ten, made a huge statement Sunday in a 61-14 victory over Illinois in which the Spartans accumulated 705 yards in total offense.

6. The Oakland Raiders and Green Bay Packers are 0-3: Two teams with playoff aspirations at the beginning of the season are experiencing a very humble beginning to the 2005 National Football League season. Both of these teams could be struggling to get into the playoffs.

7. Tennessee saves their season: Down 21-0 at Louisiana State on Monday night, the Tennessee Volunteers were able to come back and post a 30-27 victory over the Tigers in overtime. Senior Rick Clausen was named the starting quarterback for the remainder of the season by coach Phil Fulmer.

8. Injuries on the gridiron threaten many playoff contenders: Three contenders in the American Football Conference East suffered devastating injuries on Sunday. The New York Jets lost quarterback Chad Pennington for the season with a torn rotator cuff, the Buffalo Bills lost All-Pro linebacker Takeo Spikes for the season following a torn Achilles tendon and the New England Patriots lost Harrison.

9. The Colts are 3-0 despite Manning only having two touchdown passes: The Indianapolis Colts are 3-0 and NFL Most Valuable Player Peyton Manning only has two touchdown passes. The Colts, however, must be thrilled that it is their defense that is winning games for Indianapolis.

10. Notre Dame's coach grants dying boy's last wish: Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis visited Montana Mazurkiewicz Friday night, who had earlier found out from doctors that there was nothing they could do to stop the spread of an inoperable brain tumor. Weis asked him if there was anything he could do for him. The boy wanted to call Notre Dame's first play in Saturday's game against Washington. Weis agreed and the boy said he wanted to call pass right. Notre

Soccer teams shut out Pikeville



Sophomore Jenna Zut takes control of the ball during Wednesday's game against Pikeville College.
Ryan C. Harris



Senior Markus Rybak tries, through the air in an effort to stop the ball from going out of bounds.
Ryan C. Harris

BY MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

The scores were reminiscent of a football game. But Milligan College doesn't have a football team. Instead, it was the women's and men's soccer teams that shut out Pikeville College (Ky.) 20-0 and 13-0 respectively.

"Keeping the teams motivated is hard," said head coach for both teams Dave Dixon. "I think one thing that we've tried to preach to them is that no matter what the standard of the other team is, we have to hold ourselves to the highest

possible standard because we know that if we lower ourselves or lower the way we play, then those bad habits are going to be contagious and build to the next game."

The Lady Buffs started out the afternoon by gaining an early lead when junior Sarah Sereno scored during the first minute of the game. From that point on, Milligan dominated, leading 4-0 after only 12 minutes of play.

Milligan's early lead grew as they gained 12 goals in the first half.

In the second half, Pikeville was never given the chance to even come close to making a goal. In fact, they remained on

the defensive side of the field for the rest of the game and made no shots on goal.

Pikeville's goalkeeper, Kristin Korman, made 11 saves, but was without a scoring attempt to stop the Lady Buffs who scored a total of 4 goals in the game. Korman said that she was proud of her team's performance in the game, and that she was proud of her team's performance in the game.

"We're working on getting our organization to be more organized, better with the girls," Korman said. "We're getting better at that and that's a growing battle that we're developing. The good thing is we're not going to give them our disappointment here."

The win brings Milligan's overall record to 2-3 and 4-1 in the Appalachian Athletic Conference.

The men's game started out with the women's with Milligan gaining an early lead when sophomore Ryan Wynn scored in the seventh minute. Just like the women had done hours earlier, the Buffs continued to advance their lead through the halftime score to 2-0.

In the second half, the Buffs added six more goals to bring the final score to 13-0.

"We're still right in the mix in the conference, sitting at 4-1," Dixon said. "We have three conference games left. Basically, our destiny is still in our hands."

The Buffs' record moves to 2-4 for the season and 4-1 in the conference. They take on Bluefield College (W.Va.) this afternoon at home.

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Others decided to enroll elsewhere.

For Brennan, the choice was easy. "I've always loved Milligan," he said. "As a child, me and my friends would explore the campus. When I decided to leave, I thought this would be the best place to go. So far, it's proven true."

He's back worshipping in a church that he attended for much of his life and loving it. Overall, the transition has been easy. He has found new friends at Milligan and been made to feel welcome. After this year, Brennan would like to stay at Milligan, but whether or not that will happen remains unclear.

In the meantime, say hi to James if you see him. If you walk past Webb 214, stop and chat. He always likes to meet new people and build relationships.

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"I like it because it allows you to tailor to your personal needs," she said. "It's more user friendly." Many students like Klay have the same attitude which is the direct cause of the machine shortage.

The cardio room often fills up between 7:30 and 9 p.m., but there is a considerable drop in students working out, freeing up machines in the cardio room, during the dinner hour, primarily between 5 and 7 p.m.

Many students find they have more motivation to work out and watch their health because of the new equipment. The machines keep information such as distance, heart rate, resistance and also have set workouts including weight loss, gluteals and cross country.

Dame's first offensive play was run from their own one-yard line, and even with the risk of a safety, Weis called pass right. Irish quarterback Brady Quinn completed the pass to tight end Anthony Fasano for a 13-yard gain.

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Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU), reports that Milligan is one of the council's favorite schools and the growth of Milligan students in their program is "phenomenal and very exciting."

In a four year span from 1998 to 2001, Milligan had 11 students enrolled in study abroad programs. Over the last four years 24 students spent a semester abroad, a statistical increase of over 100 percent. In the spring of 2005, a record 11 students participated in study abroad programs.

Why the sudden increase of interest? Palmer believes students are attracted to study abroad programs because it gives them the chance to go somewhere they could not otherwise go on their own.

"(CCCU) gives students the opportunity to do that and so much more," she said.

Johnson, who lived in Africa for 13 years before coming to the United States, spent her summer in Thailand working with CMF International. She believes Africa and the United States represent only a "small part of what's out there" and said she wants to experience and learn from a variety of different cultures.

Senior Deke Bowman spent his summer in Ivory Coast, Africa. Bowman, a senior humanities and communications major, loves to travel. "I have been to Mexico several times and went on the humanities tour," Bowman said, which fueled his desire to study abroad.

The affordability of the programs is also attractive to students. Palmer said that a semester abroad is "around the same cost it would be to attend a semester of college." She said that part of the school's financial package can sometimes include plane tickets, which are not cheap. She also noted there are special scholarships being offered to students studying abroad.

"Each school is slightly different," said Palmer, "but Milligan is wonderful when dealing with the paperwork."

The CCCU program appeals to a variety of interests. With a total of 10 programs on six continents and an additional program coming shortly, students have the choice to go to a place they are interested in. Students who want to stay in the United States also have that option, as four of the CCCU programs are within the country's borders. Students can choose from a three-week summer program or a semester-long program.

Programs offer various options and can meet a number of different school-related requirements. Both Bowman and Johnson completed internships during their studies abroad. Bowman worked as a film and still-camera man, while Johnson taught English to Thai students.

Bowman recommends beginning to plan during freshman year if interested because it "takes time and planning." Although it is never too late, it helps to begin thinking about the future as early as possible, he said.

Palmer advised students to check with their advisor to find out if the credits will transfer into Milligan. She also suggests talking with Carmen Allen who can start the process and help with the paperwork.

"I would do it again in a heartbeat, without a doubt," Bowman said. "It helps to put into context what we learn in the classroom."

Even though Johnson also recommends spending time away from Milligan, she wishes there was more follow-up. "For as much as Milligan pushes worldwide vision, we never have opportunities to reflect and work back on the experience. Not only for us to explain what we did but also to let others learn about the exciting programs that are available."

Move over Xanga, here comes Facebook

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

The latest fad to hit Milligan's campus does not involve famous Napoleon Dynamite quotes or Halo competitions or even TWIRP dating. Instead, it's all about "poking," being connected to the most people and creating the funniest groups to join. It's all about The Facebook.

The Facebook is an online directory that connects students to other students on campus. To register, you must have a valid Milligan e-mail address. Once registered, you can search through Milligan's social network to talk with friends or even get to know people you have never met.

In theory, for large colleges and universities with thousands of students, it's a cool way to meet new people, but it all seems sort of pointless on a campus as

small as Milligan. You could simply walk across the hall or down Sutton Hill to go talk to friends.

Why do we find it so attractive? Because The Facebook is so much more than just that.

It also connects Milligan students with thousands of students on hundreds of other campuses across the country. You can reconnect with friends from high school that you haven't seen or heard from since graduation - whether that was four months or four years ago.

So what's the point? Why are we so addicted? Why do we find it so difficult to tear ourselves away from our computer screens to go to class, to eat or even sleep? Why has The Facebook become the topic of conversation in the cafeteria?

Is it just another way to procrastinate? Possibly. Or is it simply a way to meet new

people? Possibly. But maybe, just maybe, what it all boils down to is not how many friends we are connected to or how many comments people leave on our wall. Instead, what it all boils down to is communication.

Will the fad last? Will we search to find a really great profile picture three months from now? Will we race to check our e-mail to see if anyone wants to be our friend three months from now? Will we stay awake late at night searching through our high school directories trying to find that long-lost friend three months from now? Or will we be drawn back to the exciting colors and designs of Xanga?

Who knows! But for now, as our race to get as many friends as possible slows down the The Facebook website, our Xanga sites sit lonely, isolated and forgotten.



The Facebook is now the new way to keep in touch with friends from different colleges and universities.
Jason Spencer

New hope for the plane thriller



Jodie Foster plays the leading role in the thriller FlightPlan
www.imdb.com

By AARON B. HUDDLESTON
Guest Columnist

In the wake of Wes Craven's flop, "Red Eye," my heart hung heavy with sadness, mourning the untimely death of a genre that seems very timely. With Sept. 11, 2001 still in the back of our minds, some of America's deepest fears can be played upon in the airplane thriller. But when the plane thriller by Craven, supposedly a master of his craft, failed to excite, my hopes for this genre seemed to be shattered.

That is until I saw the previews for the movie "FlightPlan," starring Jodie Foster. With a clever premise, a promising preview and a noteworthy leading lady, I was sure that "FlightPlan" would not fail me - or at least hopefully.

"FlightPlan" is the story of Kyle Pratt (Foster), an airplane engineer, who, in the wake of her husband's death, decides to move back home to New York from Germany with her 6-year-old daughter, Julia (newcomer Marlene Lawston).

Several thousand feet in the air, little Julia disappears on the large, double-decker plane. Kyle attempts to get the crew of the plane, including Carson, the flight's sole air marshal, to help her search for her daughter.

After heart-wrenching pleas from a desperate mother, the crew finally agrees to search the plane, even though there is no record of Julia ever boarding the plane. This search is quickly ended, however, when a stewardess brings news from the hospital where Pratt's husband was declared dead. Julia Pratt was also pronounced dead several days prior to Pratt's boarding the plane.

What follows is a mother's desperate struggle to find the truth against all odds in a world that is quickly falling apart - several thousand feet above the ground.

This is an amazing and thrilling story line, through and through. The film is an edge-of-your-seater, for sure. Did it fulfill the primary purpose of a thriller genre movie? Let's just say, I'll think twice before ever boarding a double-decker airplane!

The screenplay was written well. However, a good screenplay does not always make for a good film. An actor myself, the first thing I always look for in a film is acting. As I sat and watched "FlightPlan," I can honestly say that I forgot about Jodie Foster and was caught up in the story of Kyle Pratt. I forgot about Peter Sarsgaard and saw only Air Marshal Carson. Even little Marlene Lawston

convinced me that her father had just died, and she was scared and confused. I was freaked out by creepy characters, scared for victimized ones and distressed at Pratt's predicament.

The cinematography of the film worked beautifully with the story and the acting. It incorporated beautiful, photographic shots with intense action sequences to soften your heart for Kyle and her daughter while keeping your blood and your mind racing all the while.

In the end, "FlightPlan" receives 5 out of 5 stars. It revived my hope for the plane-thriller genre, made me scared of double-decker planes and gave me an all-around pleasant movie-going experience. No matter what your feelings about Jodie Foster or the plane-thriller genre, "FlightPlan" is a must-see!

Aaron's Rating: 5 out of 5 stars



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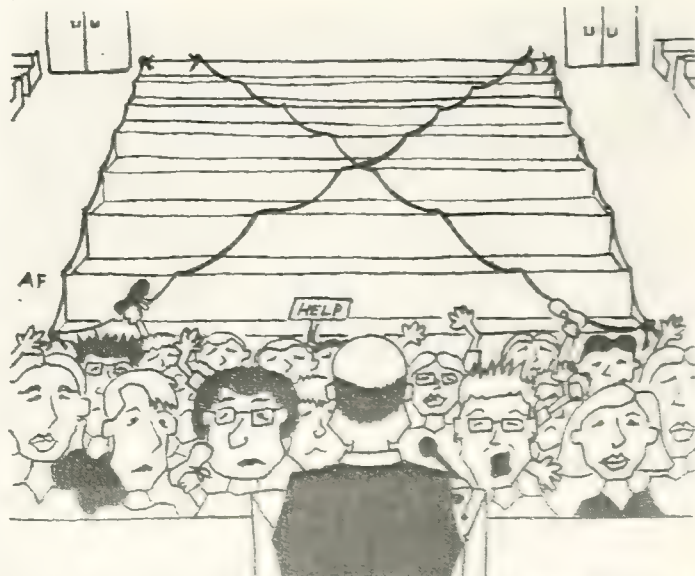
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By ADAM FARMER
Cartoonist



"IT'S NICE TO SEE SUCH A GREAT CHAPEL TURNOUT."

Reflections from abroad

Students share memories about time away from Milligan



Photo submitted by: Kaci Campbell

Kaci Campbell
Australia

I was so blessed to spend last spring studying abroad in Sydney with the CCCU program at Wesley Institute for Ministry and the Arts. I was trying to figure out how to describe my experience but putting five months into 400 words just wouldn't cut it. So I'll tell you about just one of the many adventures that await you Down Under.

A group of us took a bus about eight hours west of Sydney, just to the edge of the Outback to camp. We were staying on a friend of a friend's brother's land - it's amazing how reliable these things can be - and we got there just in time for our first Outback sunset. The sky was bright red and the dirt was the same.

The next morning is when the true Australian experience began. I have one word for the Outback: flies. Let's just say that I got used to having them crawl on my face and on my coffee cup very quickly. But the flies would not deter us. We went on walkabout - a hike - and learned about how the farms were surviving during the midst of a drought that's been going on for seven years. The man who owned the farm decided that it would be fun to go four-wheeling and chase kangaroos so we piled into the back of a truck and he hopped on his trusty dirt bike.

He sped off into a grove of trees, and we saw a whole herd of kangaroos running. By this time we're a couple hundred yards away from the truck, just standing in a field. Being Americans, we're all amazed and taking pictures of these creatures that Australians regard much like we regard deer - more annoying than useful. We were so captivated by them that we failed to see a wild boar chasing the dirt bike.

So here's the scene: a man chasing kangaroos on a dirt bike while being chased by a wild boar. And we were just standing there. This was not a good situation I concluded after realizing that the boar has huge sharp tusk things. After coming to that conclusion I heard a horrible squealing and realized that our leader had somehow jumped off the dirt bike and wrestled the boar. That just proves that everyone in Australia IS just like Crocodile Dundee.

Now if that doesn't make you want to pack your bags and head Down Under, I don't know what will. Of course there is always the amazing culture, metropolitan opportunities and wonderful people.



Photo submitted by: Adam Farmer

Adam Farmer
Costa Rica

I decided to spend a semester abroad in Costa Rica without knowing any Spanish. OK, I knew a little, but it was very little - just ask Senora Woolard. Needless to say, when I moved in with my Costa Rican family, I ran into a lot of problems. I could barely introduce myself, let alone understand a single word they were saying to me. I had no idea how to ask my family the simplest things like, "How do I work the shower?" Which is why I took cold showers for the first two weeks.

I got lost countless times on the public transportation system and one night actually got kicked off a bus at the end of the route with no idea where I was. I wandered for several hours back to town past goats and coffee fields before catching a taxi and trying desperately to explain where I thought I might live. It was hard, and I spent most of my first month discouraged and frustrated.

But as time went on, I became more comfortable and confident. Soon, I could understand what my mom was telling me to do, and I could get anywhere in San Jose. It was then that I began to really appreciate this foreign culture. I grew a love for the people and their different, yet beautiful, way of life. I never could have experienced this had I not been totally immersed in the Latin American culture.

Now when I think of Latin America, I do not think of stereotypes or caricatures, but rather I see the faces of my patient Costa Rican family, the fresh fruit stands lining the street and the beautiful landscapes. I have had a personal experience with a foreign culture and now I appreciate that culture.

I would challenge anyone to really get to know a foreign society before they come to any preconceived notions. Try not to let the world tell you how to think. After living in a foreign country, I personally find it very hard to judge others that I know little or nothing about.



Photo submitted by: Lindsey Vogt

Lindsey Vogt
Washington, D.C.

Breaking away from a particular mindset is never easy. We quickly grow comfortable with our notions of the world and how it works, and to have them challenged can be jarring. During my time at the American Studies Program my worldview was stretched in ways I never would have imagined.

When I arrived at ASP I carried my luggage in one arm and a set of expectations in the other. I anticipated an easy experience, focusing on my internship and studying U.S. policy. My career goals were clear: I was on a one-way track straight to the top and an internship at the White House was a step in the right direction. I was enchanted by the power in Washington, D.C. and wanted to be a part of it.

I had so much to learn.

The funny thing about ASP is that learning doesn't stop when class ends. While at the program I had the privilege of meeting students from all over the world. Learning about cultures so different from mine fascinated me. Many conversations led to friendships, where I soon found myself connecting with a world I had never seen. From the stories they shared, I began to grow passionate about the poor and the oppressed, specifically in Africa. Because of my newfound knowledge and growing compassion, I have personally been convicted to serve orphaned children in Africa.

The thought of diverting from my carefully planned future terrified me, but I also felt a sense of relief in knowing that God would be in control. From the power of the presidency to a passion for the poor, I know that I must serve where God leads.

When I left D.C., in one arm I carried my luggage - slightly heavier with souvenirs - and in the other, I carried my experiences with new friends, a fresh set of convictions, compassion for people I had never met and a worldview so large it wouldn't fit in the overhead compartment!



Photo submitted by: Jared Sayre

Jared Sayre
China

As soon as I arrived in China I felt overwhelmed. I could not speak Chinese, and I did not think that I had any desire to learn the language. I did not have any previous knowledge of China's cultural norms, and I was sure to offend many individuals unintentionally. Though I was ignorant, I withheld a childlike curiosity about their way of life, and I knew from the beginning of my journey that I would experience this culture to the fullest.

My home in China was located in a subtropical southern city called Xiamen. By Chinese standards, it was a small city made up of about three million people. While staying there, I lived in a foreign dormitory that was about a three-minute walk from the beach. Rarely did I stay in my room but often explored the city. I was practicing the Chinese language, buying things, eating and getting lost.

There are countless nights that I can recall being lost. By my second night in Xiamen my roommate and I had gained a reputation of getting lost easily. But somehow we always managed to find our way back to the university - sometimes through charades and sometimes through the Chinese we had learned.

Truthfully I cannot tell anyone that learning a new culture and language is easy. There were sometimes when I was frustrated and confused. I recall wanting something to drink my first day in China, and I slowly began to realize how helpless I was without the ability to even say the word for water. I slowly learned how to use chopsticks and slowly learned what polite table manners were in the Chinese culture.

After learning their ideas and ways of life, studying abroad made me realize that new ideas can make you question your own cultural norms and can possibly change you as a person. Personally, studying abroad has changed the way I view the world and the way I view myself in the world.

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Sports Columnist

THE DAY

Oct. 15, 2005 will long be considered THE day for college football. After a day full of games coming down to the wire, the dust didn't settle on this awesome Saturday until then no. 4 Florida State was unable to come back and lost to Virginia 26-21, ending the Seminoles undefeated season 10 years to the day that Virginia handed Florida State their first-ever Atlantic Coast Conference loss.

The game of the day by far was Southern California's 34-31 last-second victory over the University of Notre Dame. I predicted three weeks ago that if Notre Dame was 4-1 heading into the USC game that it would become the most hyped game in college football history. Not only was that point correct, but it also turned out to be one of the BEST games in college football history.

What play would you like to see again? Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn stretching for the then go-ahead touchdown with two minutes left, putting the Irish up 31-28? Matt Leinart's 61-yard pass to Dwayne Jarrett on fourth-and-nine with one minute left, thus saving the Trojans drive for the time being and putting the ball at the 10-yard line? Leinart fumbling after being popped by the Notre Dame defense at the 1-yard line and, by an act of God, having the ball go out of bounds which stopped the clock with seven seconds left so USC could run one more play? Or the last play, that will be replayed forever: Leinart, pushing forward into the end zone and getting stuffed, crossed the line when USC star tailback Reggie Bush pushed Leinart into the end zone as he spun around, thus giving USC the win.

Ignore the fact that the play was illegal, as the NCAA says that no player can help a runner move forward by pushing. As upset as I was that this apparent penalty was not called, I had to look back on the game and realize that for once the game actually lived up to the hype that was bestowed upon it by every member of the national sports media, myself included.

However, I feel that the overhyped nature of the Notre Dame-USC game took some of the luster away from other good games that happened on THE day of Oct. 15, 2005. Penn State was one second away from continuing their dream season before a fourth down pass from Michigan's Chad Henne found a receiver and ended the Nittany Lions undefeated season in a 27-25 loss. In the battle for the Golden Axe, Wisconsin blocked a Minnesota punt with 30 seconds left and recovered it in the end zone to win another wacky Big Ten game. In their game against Michigan State, Ohio State did not even run a play in Michigan State territory until five minutes remained in the game; yet the Buckeyes won 35-24.

Saturday's like these are the reason that college football does not need a playoff system, but that's another article for another day.

Volleyball defeats UVA-Wise

By MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

After suffering a disheartening loss against Appalachian Athletic Conference foe Brevard College (N.C.) last week, the Lady Buffs came back to defeat UVA-Wise 3-1 on Tuesday night.

"Basically, the main thing was (the team) really wanted to win this game," said head coach Kim Hyatt.

UVA-Wise started off the match by capturing the first point. Milligan quickly retaliated with a point of their own. Nevertheless, just minutes into the game, UVA-Wise developed a lead that they did not release for the remainder of the game, winning 30-18.

"I think they came out a little tense in the first game, wanting to win too badly," Hyatt said. "We finally settled down after the first game and pulled together as a team and started running our plans as we know how."

The second game started out similar to the first with the Lady Cavaliers gaining an early lead. Milligan caught up and gained its first lead of the match at 10-9 and continued on to a six-point run.

"As long as we could keep the pace fast, we were doing well," Hyatt said. "When we slowed down, that's when it

hurt us. I felt like the pace got quicker the second game through."

The Lady Buffs maintained that fast pace, winning the game 30-21.

UVA-Wise again struggled to come back from behind during the third game. At one point, they went on a five-point run, but that was not enough as Milligan defeated the Lady Cavaliers 30-24.

In the fourth game, control of a lead went back and forth between the teams with neither team gaining much ground until Wise began to pull away, leading 22-17. However, as Milligan fought hard to win the match and UVA-Wise struggled to keep the game going for one more set, the teams battled neck and neck until Milligan overcame the Lady Cavaliers 32-30.

"In the last game (against UVA-Wise) our service is what hurt us," Hyatt said. "So our main thing that we've worked on tonight was serving. Again I think there was too much tension on them to get the serves in. But once they got the rhythm, they were okay."

Junior Tara Earhart led the Lady Buffs with 15 kills and four aces. Sophomore Ashley Lokken added 10 kills and sophomore Jamie Sly contributed 43 assists.

The Lady Buffs record for the season moves to 1-5 and 9-4 in the conference, putting them in third place in the conference standings.

"We've got a tough schedule from here on out," Hyatt said. "We've got to stay focused on our side. That's what we're keen on is focusing on our team and not necessarily focusing on the competition but what we need to do is our side take care of business there first."



Sophomore Emily Rigney serves. Jason Spencer



Sophomore Jenna Zutt takes on opponent Virginia Intermont. Ryan C. Harris

Lady Buffs lose to Virginia Intermont College

By AMANDA MOORE
Reporter

The Lady Buffs soccer team's last regular home game ended in disappointment as rival Virginia Intermont College won with a final score of 1-0 on Wednesday night.

"We could've done better. We could've won if we gave it our everything," said sophomore Dagmar Yr Arndottir.

Both defenses worked hard in the first half, ending it with a scoreless tie. Virginia

Intermont sophomore Meghan Henneman made the first and only goal of the evening in the 79th minute.

Milligan's freshman goal keeper Rosanna Couture worked hard, recording four saves for the night.

"Sometimes the other team just works harder," said junior Megan Elrod.

The Lady Buffs regular season ended with an overall record of 10-7-1 and 5-3 in the conference. They begin the conference tournament on Tuesday. Their opponent and location of the game are yet to be decided.

Milligan suffers huge loss to VIC

By TROY CHILDRESS
Reporter

The Milligan men's soccer team suffered its third loss in a row to conference team Virginia Intermont College by a score of 2-1 on Tuesday. A win would have given the team an automatic bid to regionals.

The game got off to a rocky start as the Cobras' Alan Delahunty scored the first goal of the game off of a questionable call in the eighth minute.

Junior goalkeeper Jordan Fode thought he called a timeout but it was never acknowledge by the referee. The six seconds a goalkeeper has before putting the ball back in play ran out. The Cobras took a free kick two feet from the goal.

With the confusion from the play half the team was down the field waiting for Fode's kick while Delahunty slipped the ball past everyone. "It was our fault for not following the ball," said junior David Lilly.

Milligan recovered from the heavily disputed call, and Lilly scored in the 24th minute off sophomore Josh Stephen's assist. "I cut the defense and never let them turn around," said Lilly.

Nine minutes later VIC took the lead

when Mark McCormick dropped one in.

Coach Dave Dixon described the goal as a fly ball where the centerfielder reacted too soon. "Fode anticipated too much, and that is not typical of him," he said.

That goal seemed to take the wind out of the Buffs in the first half. "We never could come back from it," said Lilly.

The second half started off with more of Milligan's style of soccer. They possessed the ball and eliminated the mental mistakes made earlier in the game.

During the game 75 fouls were called. 42 for VIC and 33 for Milligan. Four yellow cards were issued to VIC players.

"With 75 fouls called that is the basically one foul per each minute of the game," said Dixon. "We can't get into any rhythm or flow when that happens."

Milligan had one last shot to tie the game during the last seconds, but their hopes fell short as the ball bounced off the top bar of the goal.

"Until the last second I thought we were going to score," Lilly said.

"Both teams played beneath what they could do," said Milligan soccer alumnus Ali Mohamed. "(Milligan) wasn't playing



Junior Caleb Solomon tries to take control in game versus opponent Virginia Intermont College. Ryan C. Harris

creative soccer."

The loss brings the Buffs' overall record to 9-7-1 and 5-2-1 in the conference. The Buffs have one more regular season game before learning who they will play in the playoffs.

They keep going and going

Heading into the closing stretch of the 2005 cross country season, the Milligan College Buffaloes appear poised to make a repeat performance of last year's success at the regional and national levels.

The Milligan women, after finishing 24th in the nation in 2004, are again led by last year's 10th place national individual finisher, senior Megan Lease, and began this season with an NAIA national ranking of 27th out of 194 schools participating in the sport.

The Milligan men also have enjoyed the return of last year's top performer, senior Chris Wright, who finished fourth in NAIA Region XII.

"Our returning student-athletes are the foundation for our success thus far," said head coach Chris Layne. "Our top two or three spots on both teams are occupied by returning athletes, and our new athletes look to them for guidance and direction. I think it's because of their maturation from last season until now that we've seen such an improvement across the board."

This season began with an impressive showing against some stiff NCAA Division I competition at the Virginia Tech Invitational in Blacksburg, Va. The women finished third as a team, ahead of schools such as East Tennessee State University, Radford University (Va.) and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Milligan's women were bested only by host Virginia Tech and Liberty University (Va.).

"It's encouraging that we have done so well against bigger schools," said Lease, last year's Region XII champion. "We may not be the most talented team, but I think it shows how hard and smart we work, and that pays off in the long run."

The Lady Buffs were paced by Lease

with a seventh-place finish, and freshman Jacklyn Talbert, who finished 13th.

"Our freshmen, especially on the women's side, have dotted the i's and crossed the t's," said Layne. "Our returning runners have gotten the job done on a regular basis, but it's our freshmen like Jacklyn Talbert, Emily Schmitt and Ashley Pearce who have stepped up and filled the holes when left open, and this has allowed us to be more competitive in practice and on a national level when it's time to race."

On the men's side, Wright's performance was good enough for a 17th-place finish at the Virginia Tech Invitational.

The next competition took place in Rock Hill, S.C., at the Winthrop Invitational. The women came away with a team victory and were led once again by Lease, who won the women's five kilometer, and last year's Region XII runner-up, junior Marta Zimon, who finished fourth.

Winthrop was also a successful outing for the men, as Wright came away with the eight kilometer victory, and senior Brandon Talbert, freshman Will Frye and junior Jair Collie all placed in the top 15.

The Mountaineer Open at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., was another successful event for the Buffaloes. The women finished second as a team, as Lease, Zimon and Talbert finished in the top 10, and four of the top six women entered Milligan's all-time top 10 records. The men posted a third-place finish, with Wright finishing 14th overall.

Most recently, the Milligan cross country team traveled to Orlando, Fla., to participate in the Disney Classic on Oct. 7. Wright led all Milligan runners by

finishing fourth in the men's competition, leading the men to a 13th place finish. The women finished fifth as a team. The University of Florida won both the men's and women's team competitions.

Only the Southeastern Classic in Berry, Ga., on Saturday remains before the Region XII/Appalachian Athletic Conference Championship in Louisville, Ky., on Nov. 5. The Milligan runners are confident that success at a large scale will continue through the end of the season.

"As a team, one of our main goals is to be in the top 20 or higher at nationals, which I definitely believe we are capable of doing," said Lease.

Zimon is also hopeful about the end of the season. "I hope our entire team can make it to nationals, and that we all set personal records."

In addition to preparing his team for the regional and national tournaments, Layne learned he will lead an expanded track and field program next year for the Buffaloes. This expansion comes at the heels of the AAC decision to begin including outdoor track and will include sprint, jump, hurdle and throwing events.

With this expansion comes an increased workload and responsibilities for Layne; however, Layne says he is more than willing to adjust. "This expansion is a definite positive. We're thankful to Dr. Jeanes, Mark Fox and the Milligan decision makers for their continued support of our program," Layne said after the expansion was announced on Friday.

"The expansion brings us in line with other colleges and universities that take the sport very seriously. I've come to the realization that it takes time to build a national caliber program, but this expansion really helps keep us on track."

By BRETT SEYBERT
Reporter



Photos contributed by Chandra Shevland Megan Lease

Q & A with Megan Lease



By: MANDI MOONEY
Editor-in-Chief

Megan Lease is a senior history major who has run cross country and track throughout her four years at Milligan. This fall cross country season will be her last season at Milligan as she will be spending the next semester abroad in Uganda with a Council for Christian Colleges and Universities study abroad program.

Q: What initially got you interested in running? When did you begin?

A: I played basketball in high school, and so I just started running during summers to stay in shape. One year, my junior year, I decided I should just go ahead and run track in the spring.

Q: Did cross country or track have an impact on your decision to come to Milligan?

A: Yes, I probably wouldn't have been able to come if I didn't get a scholarship. I had no idea they would give me a scholarship because I wasn't that fast in high school at all.

Q: How have you balanced being an athlete and a student?

A: You just learn to manage your time well. Professors are good if we have to miss class for a meet. I've been able to

schedule my classes around practice times. Basically, it's just time management.

Q: Which do you prefer: track or cross country? Why?

A: I don't know. In the past, I've liked track a lot more but this cross country season - I've really enjoyed this cross country season more than any other.

Q: Can you list your achievements throughout college?

A: I came in sixth my freshman year at Indoor Track Nationals, and my sophomore year I was 30th at Nationals for cross country. My junior year in cross country I was 10th at nationals and in indoor track I was fifth. All of those make me an All-American.

Q: How would you describe or summarize your career/experience as an athlete at Milligan?

A: It's been very rewarding because I've been able to improve almost every year - not only in my times but also in placing at nationals.

Q: What are your future plans for after graduation?

A: I have no idea. I do plan on training for a marathon at some point.

Q: What are your feelings regarding the new changes that are being made to Milligan's track program?

A: I think it's a good idea. It'll help the school by bringing in more new people.

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Live" (SNL) and will feature appearances from students and faculty. Campus "stars" such as Mark Fox, Nathan Flora, Dr. Bruce Montgomery and Dr. Tim Dillon will be featured, and much like SNL, a special guest will appear to help stir things up. This show will air by 2 p.m. on Friday.

"Oh, it's gonna be hilarious," said Chris Drouin, a freshman assisting in the construction of WRL. "You're gonna pee your pants when you watch it!"

The second show, "Fear Factor Live," will be filmed live during the finale of Res. Life Week and will feature pairs of volunteer students participating in unusual stunts. This show will air Oct. 28.

The last show, tentatively scheduled to be released sometime in November, will be based on the television show "Who's Line Is It Anyways?" Auditions will determine who will participate in this show and will be announced at a later date.

"A lot of new students are getting involved, and I think it's great," said Swanay. "Any time that I have students working in the building and using the equipment and getting out and doing productions and writing - that's all positive, instead of everything just sitting there."

"It's a continuation of the revamping of the whole TV production," said Goodlet, who came up with the idea for

WRL. She also directed and produced the show and considers herself the overall manager of it. "I'm here to teach, train and facilitate people - and make it fun."

Swanay said this is "ultimately what (Goodlet) wants to do when she graduates and leaves, so this gives her an opportunity to pursue producing and writing a show."

"It takes someone with initiative and motivation," Swanay said. "She is definitely very self-motivated and she is spending a lot of time on this. I think that's a good thing. I am very anxious to see the first (show) come through."

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different way, professors seeing students a different way - it's a win-win situation."

"Oklahoma!" begins on Wednesday with a special discounted performance of \$5 to anyone with a Milligan ID card, with regular-priced \$12 shows running Thursday through Saturday.

"We have an excellent acting company, a terrific orchestra, a highly motivated production staff and an extremely talented artistic staff," Major said. "Combine all of these ingredients, and we have an absolute recipe for success, a production that will certainly be remembered for a long time to come."



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remembers
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Saturday: High 74,
Low 57
Sunday: High 67,
Low 51

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Just a MINUTE



The fall season for the women's soccer team came to an end Tuesday night after losing 4-2 in an overtime shootout

against Union College.

World News ...

The coming of cold weather signals the return of flu season. With the growing fear of a nationwide epidemic after last year's sudden loss of flu vaccinations when they were contaminated during production, the U. S. federal government released a \$7.1 billion Pandemic Influenza Plan on Wednesday. The strategy outlines specific steps that states must begin taking now in order to prepare for a pandemic as updating quarantine laws. The government wants to stockpile enough vaccine against today's version of the bird flu to treat 20 million people. According to the plan, the next super-flu could leave a third of the U.S. population sick and 1.9 million dead.

Weekend Sports

Friday, Nov. 4:

2:00 p.m. Men's Soccer (4)

vs. (1) King in AAC semifinal

8:00 p.m. Women's Basketball

vs. Vorhees College

(Savannah, GA)

Saturday, Nov. 5:

1:00 p.m. Men's Soccer

AAC Championship @ King

Cross Country (14) @

AAC/Region XII Championship

(Louisville, KY)

6:00 p.m. Women's Basketball

@ Savannah College of Art &

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7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

@ Berea College

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"Chicken Little" (G)

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Homecoming draws crowd

BY CHRISTIAN THOMPSON
Reporter

The campus was packed with visitors from all over the nation as Milligan College hosted its annual Homecoming Weekend Oct. 28 - 30.

"We had about 500 people come out for the weekend," said Teresa Garbe, director of alumni relations. "We had a good crowd and good weather."

According to Garbe, Homecoming Weekend is a huge event. "Planning starts early. It takes about 10 months to plan Homecoming Weekend. We have the cooperation of a lot of people on campus," Garbe said.

One of the big events is the Saturday afternoon parade. Jess Carter, assistant director of campus activities and director of intramurals, was in charge of organizing this year's parade.

"We added new incentives this year to get students more interested," said Carter. "We gave the club with the best float \$100 and \$50 for the second best float. Also, the club representing best float was given an iPod shuffle."

On Monday afternoon the float winners were announced: Phi Alpha Theta took the \$100 prize while Rotaract came in at second.

"I was very pleased with student

participation in the parade," said Garbe. "Students put a lot of time into the floats, and we had a great turnout."

Carter was also in charge of the annual alumni versus student football game. The game was dominated by the alumni, winning 70-37.

Junior Ryan Reynolds completed a touchdown pass to senior Isaac Schade for the first score of the game. After that, however, the alumni took over.

"We just couldn't play any defense," said junior Markus Spots.

A special event for former students was the 50th reunion of the class of 1955. Jackie Harrison (Acker) led the event. The group honored deceased members of the class, had time to talk with President Don Jeanes and time to catch up and talk with other class members.

"I don't get back that often," said John Byrd, the class student council president. "Today I saw some people I haven't seen in 50 years, and that is a really wonderful

thing. It's been a great weekend and has been very well planned."

Several other alumni events took place the weekend including the first homecoming



Milligan alumni and students participate in the annual alumni versus student football game on Saturday.

Jason Spencer

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"This is the first time something has been done for this age group. It was a special time because the communication department video taped their reminiscences of what campus was like in the 1940s," said Garbe.

MSA: The front porch phenomenon

BY ABBY CONLEY
Guest Reporter

What happened to the little old ladies knitting and the old men whittling in rockers on the front porch? They've been replaced by college students! Well, at least at Milligan College.

The front porch has long been an image of the South, but who would have ever thought that it would inch its way onto a college campus? Yet, take a walk along the back parking lot of campus in front of MSA and you will find the front porches fairly teeming with life.

An occasional laugh rings out. Harmonica music can be heard. Most of all, the quiet chatter of indistinguishable conversation takes the place of silence.

Front porch culture is a distinctly American phenomenon that finds its roots in ancient history. As all good humanities students know, the "stoa" was the center of Greek culture. People gathered on these ancient structures - which were what we would now call porches - to learn, socialize and conduct business. More than 2,000 years later, the same is still true.

By the early twentieth century, porches were less popular and grew increasingly so. The advent of motor transportation, radio, television and air conditioning drew those who once passed lazy afternoons on a porch into the comfort of the inside.

For Milligan College student suites, however, the concept of the front porch is

alive and well.

The first 11 of the 32 Milligan apartments are suites that house unmarried undergraduate students. While all of the apartment porches are dotted with chairs and grills, these suites sport a life of their own.

In front of apartment nine, residents are usually outside. Sometimes, only one girl is seated on the camping chair outside, like senior Victoria Bailey reading Kathleen Norris' "Amazing Grace." Other times, almost always in the evening, several people may be gathered outside the apartment.

"Usually, we just talk about our day," said junior Kaci Campbell. "There's something about just being outside. There's trees, mountains."

"There's no TV out here," said senior Ashley Rolston, "no distractions."

Even Resident Director Kent Pettit can't resist the charm of the front porches of MSA. His white rocking chairs that, according to Pettit, are meant to imitate those on the Jeanes' front porch, are often occupied in the evenings as Pettit is deep in study, but, of course, not too deep in study to refrain from greeting passers-by. What else is a front porch for?

As a former country boy, Pettit enjoys these rockers for "sentimental reasons." But, "even if I'm doing work," Pettit said, "it's a mode of relaxation."

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Nursing program grows

BY MARTA ZIMON
Guest Reporter

The nursing program at Milligan College has expanded in the last 10 months to 95 students in the program. This growth has called for more professors, extra courses offered and more requirements for the students.

Tammy Samples and Teresa Heaton are new associate professors in Milligan's nursing program. Samples is teaching maternal child nursing and will teach pediatric nursing and fundamentals of nursing in the upcoming spring semester. Teresa Heaton is teaching medical surgical nursing and fundamentals of nursing. She will teach community health nursing next semester as well as health assessment.

"We are so happy to finally have a full complement of nursing faculty after three years of being two faculty members," said Melinda Collins, director of the nursing program. "The growth in enrollment within the area of nursing has been dramatic and continues to rise because of the recognition that Milligan has received with its program."

Nine seniors, 24 juniors, 30 sophomores and 25 freshmen make up the nursing program.

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RANDALL'S AMBLINGS

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Sports Columnist

2005-2006 promises to be year of parity in NCAA

As this article is being written, major college basketball teams across the nation are beginning to play in the first exhibition games of the season. This NCAA basketball fever has quickly led me to release Randall Moore's College Basketball Top 10 Teams of 2005-2006. Because of the NCAA Tourney, these rankings are mostly a mute point as all of these teams will be in the 65-team bracket at the end of the year with a chance to win the national title. However, that doesn't mean that speculating about the teams is not enjoyable. Onto the teams:

1. Michigan State - Despite losing senior leaders Chris Hill and Kelvin Torbert, the Spartans return four starters from the team that went to the NCAA Final Four last season including prohibitive Big Ten Preseason Player of the year Paul Davis.
2. Boston College - Craig Smith is back this year which is good news for the Eagles. B.C. started out last season 22-0 and after a disappointing finish last season are looking for bigger things this year.
3. Duke - Returning the National Defensive Player of the Year Shelden Williams along with National Player of the Year candidate J.J. Redick, the Blue Devils are looking for redemption after last year's Sweet 16 loss to Michigan State.
4. Texas - Returning three players from 2004's second ranked recruiting class by rivals.com, Daniel Gibson, Mike Williams and LaMarcus Aldridge, the Longhorns look poised to make a deep run in both the Big XII as well as the NCAA Tournaments. A schedule that features Duke, Villanova, Tennessee and Memphis should help the Longhorns get ready for the Big XII season.
5. Memphis - They were two Darius Washington free throws from winning the Conference USA Tournament and going to the NCAA Tournament. Now with perennial powers Louisville and Cincinnati moving on to the Big East, the Tigers should run rough-shed over the weakened Conference USA and should have enough confidence to make a run in the NCAA Tournament.
6. Villanova - A bogus traveling call from perhaps upsetting National Champion North Carolina in the NCAA Tournament, the Wildcats are locked in and ready to run this year in a season that has great promise for Villanova. They will rely mostly on their backcourt with Curtis Sumpter, Jason Fraser and Allan Ray leading the team.
7. Kentucky - The eligibility of Randolph Morris notwithstanding, the Wildcats are blessed with perhaps the nation's best backcourt and have the depth necessary to make another deep run in the tournament. With more wins the last three seasons than anyone else in college basketball, head coach Tubby Smith should run through a very weak SEC schedule. The out-of-conference schedule is once again difficult with Louisville, Indiana, North Carolina, Kansas and potentially Texas on the horizon.

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Milligan men move to second round

TROY CHILDRESS
Reporter

The fourth seeded Milligan men's soccer team defeated Covenant College 1-0 on Saturday, advancing of the Buffs in the Appalachian Athletic Conference Tournament. The victory improves the Buffs' overall record to 10-8-1 and moves them into a second-round match against King College.

"The game went well," said coach Dave Dixon. "We played as well as we have all season at times in the first half."

The only goal Milligan needed came at the midpoint of the first half when sophomore Josh Stephens took the pass from David Lilly 30 yards out and dropped it in over the goalie's hands.

"Josh Stephens scored a great goal on a great build-up," said Dixon.

"They gave me some space, I took a touch forward and hit exactly how I wanted to," said Stephens. "The keeper almost saved it, but it snuck by him into the right top corner."

The rest of the game was in junior



Senior Stuart Makinson takes on Covenant College's Alex Wauer in Saturday night's AAC Conference Tournament.

Ryan C. Harris

Jordan Fode's hands. Fode recorded four saves in the game, including a wide-open shot to preserve the lead.

"Covenant crossed the ball into our box to a wide-open player," said Fode. "His first touch pushed the ball just a bit too far in front of him, and I was able to quickly jump onto the ball."

Fode credits "a good defensive effort" to his ability to record his saves.

Dixon was "very pleased with the way that we defended throughout the game."

Milligan takes on top King College today in Bristol. This is a rematch of last year's playoff match that the Buffs won in a triple overtime thriller. Both Fode and Stephens lost Frimpong played key roles in that victory.

In last year's playoff game, Fode blocked the last King penalty shot. He was the game's performance in a triple overtime thriller going into the final minutes.

"It definitely goes to the top of my mind," said Fode. "Milligan always seems to turn up when we play King."

In the exhausting semifinal Frimpong, then a freshman, was able to take out King's goalie and score the winning goal.

"I think making the last goal should be something that we should give credit to the coaches and players for, especially the upperclassmen," said Frimpong. "But many people will let a freshman take a penalty kick when a team's playoff life is on the line."

"The game versus King is going to be a battle," said Dixon. "We are playing for our playoff lives so I fully expect a battle after them."

Cook's childhood dream comes true

BY AMANDA MOORE
Reporter

Dr. Ruth McDowell Cook hopes to return in one piece with all limbs properly attached. She prays that she won't encounter any unidentifiable furry objects or find any creepy, crawly creature cohabiting with her in the apartment.

"The first time I see a bug or a mouse or a spider that I can't identify, I'm going to be a little bit distraught," said Cook.

Next semester, Cook will spend her sabbatical at Africa Nazarene University, a small college located 24 kilometers outside of Nairobi, Kenya, learning about a culture entirely different from Milligan's East Tennessee culture. While in Africa, she will research two native African authors and teach two English courses at ANU.

A sabbatical is a leave of absence for a semester from teaching obligations to a college or university. Every seven years, professors are allowed a sabbatical, but it must provide time for professors to rest and do research in relation to their teaching area.

Cook's sabbatical is a unique opportunity because it's the first and only sabbatical she will have, having taught college for 35 consecutive semesters.

"When I was a little girl, praying for people in other lands, missionaries, blah, blah, it was always Africa that I prayed for. It instilled a desire within me to know more about Africa," she said.

The research component of Cook's sabbatical includes studying Nobel Prize-winning authors Nadine Gordimer, author of "The House Gun" and "Burger's Daughter," and J.M. Coetzee, author of "Waiting for the Barbarians" and "Life and

Times of Michael K." Both authors wrote about Africa during apartheid, the rule of a white government and explore the effects it has on the people of South Africa.

"I could've stayed here in Jonesborough and just imagine what it is like in a third world country and struggle against the remains of colonialism," said Cook. She said she chose to go to Nairobi because being in a third world country helps to understand the life the people in those countries live.

She also chose to go to Africa to fulfill a childhood dream. "When I was a little girl, praying for people in other lands, missionaries, blah, blah, it was always Africa that I prayed for. It instilled a desire within me to know more about Africa," she said.

Cook will spend 17 weeks - from Dec. 31 to April 29 - at the 124-acre campus in the middle of Maasai plains. The scenery provides all the natural beauty necessary for serenity and relaxation.

The campus is surrounded by a protective wall and has a guarded gate, which as Cook said, "Gives me a little bit of a sense of security." The 11-year-old college has approximately 700 students, representing 18 different countries.

Since English is the students' second language, Cook will not need to learn their language to communicate with them. Cook will teach eight hours a week at ANU. She plans to teach a literature course that includes mostly Kenyan literature and a basic grammar course.

"One of my goals is that I could bring my enthusiasm for literature into that arena," she said. "To help general education students appreciate literature will be a challenge, but I think I can do that."

Cook has several goals outside the classroom as well. In addition to her research, she plans to do some personal writing and reflecting. She also wants to learn about the culture in which she will be living.

"I want to get to know the people and

get to know their way of life and what's important to them and how they look at the world," she said. "I'm hoping to get into the rhythm of the African culture."

"One of my personal goals is to travel out," said Cook. Since her mother's death last spring, Cook has felt the need to withdraw from the hectic pace of life and take the time to relax. She hopes that this trip will allow time for some much needed rest and relaxation so she can be more active in campus life here at Milligan when she returns; perhaps she will teach the campus some African hymns and dances she learns.

Her time in Africa will also provide the opportunity for some introspection. "It will be a time of withdrawing from life as I have known it for 17 years (as a college professor), and trying to figure stuff out about myself and the world and why I'm such a bleeding heart at my age."

"I just need to be apart with the Lord to get to know Ruth in the sight of God, to hear the Lord's voice," she said. "What is it that the Lord expects of me and my life?"

Nearby the college is a day school for AIDS orphans run by a man to whom Cook has donated money. She would like to spend time volunteering there on the weekends, helping feed the children or just being "hands-on," Cook said. "There are just so many possibilities, but none of them are clear to me yet."

Although she plans to occasionally participate in some towny activities, most weekends she will just get her sack of groceries from Nairobi and read or write in the solitude of her apartment without the voice of the television in the background, and hopefully without any furry or creepy, crawly friends.

"I'm looking forward to a simpler thought life," she said.

All bugs aside, Cook's trip to Africa will provide time for her to fulfill many goals on a campus on the other side of the world where, as she would say, "they love Jesus the same as we do here at Milligan, which is lovely."

Reflections: A summer south of the border

By DEKE BOWMAN

Guest Contributor

The morning call to prayer rings in my ears early around 5:30 am. "Allah Akbar" comes in loudly from the several mosques in the city and around our neighborhood.

As a communications major preparing to graduate, it was time to do my internship. I figured I would just do whatever Dr. Carrie Swanay could find me. It wasn't my goal to try and find an internship in communications that really fit me; instead, just something that would give me a few portfolio pieces. I wasn't really flippant about my degree, but I just didn't know what I wanted to do with it so that made it hard in seeking out an internship.

On a whim, I went to the National Missionary Convention last fall. It was there where I was encouraged by my peers

to check out the possibility of internships. I laughed and reminded them that communications had to be low on the totem pole for internship opportunities in the missions world. Little did I know that they would be very right and I so wrong. My friends led me to the CMF International booth. With my skepticism running at an all-time high I talked and inquired. The goal at that point was to travel someplace else in the world and work for a Christian based organization while getting the communications credit and experience I needed.

They handed me an application, and I spent the semester trying to set it up while assuming I would be stuck in the home office making promotional materials. I was excited but never thought I would spend my summer that far south and so out of my world.

In March, I received unofficial confirmation that I was accepted into the program. What a relief. All I had to do was convince Dr. Swanay that it was a good internship and hammer out the details. For me, though, it wasn't the accepting or the convincing that caught me off guard but the location they wanted to send me.

I had prepared myself for a trip to Thailand. But that phone call in early March caused me to sit down when CMF International's Associate Recruiter Kim Beigh said, "Deke we would like to send you to Ivory Coast." I told her I would let her know. So I talked to my professors. I called some friends and I sought out my roommate's advice and I talked to my mentor Rob Rigsbee. They all asked me what my big struggle was, why I was thinking about it so hard.

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Senior Deke Bowman spent last summer working with CMF International in Ivory Coast, Africa.

Photo submitted by Deke Bowman

'Dreamer:' A dream come true

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Movie Columnist



Cale Crane runs out and stands in front of her father's truck as he intends to drive off and break his oft broken promise to take her to work with him. This sets the stage for the drama which unfolds over the 102 minutes of the film "Dreamer," which is inspired by a true story.

Kurt Russell plays a down-on-his-luck racehorse trainer who is fired from his job when he refuses to have a horse put down in front of his daughter. As a part of his severance he receives the horse, Sonya, whose leg is broken. With the help of his father, Pop (played by country music legend Kris Kristofferson), and two of his

fellow trainers, Ben sets out to get Sonya healthy enough to breed, which would bring in enough money to get him back on his feet and possibly even help him start a breeding business. Cale, however, wants to get Sonya back into racing shape.

This film ingeniously blends the story of a recovering racehorse with that of father-child relationships. Pop and Ben's relationship has become strained to the point where, despite close proximity, they do not talk. In turn, Ben and Cale's relationship is strained as well. The story focuses on the said relationships, while not becoming bogged down or over dramatizing them. Instead, it shows their development as it works into the story of Sonya.

The dialogue is well written and manages to be heart-wrenching without becoming overly sentimental.

A genius story, however, is moot without strong characters. In "Dreamer" all of the characters have personality, life and vitality. Ben Crane is disillusioned from a string of bad luck. His dreams of training champion horses have fallen by the wayside through years of failure and financial hardships. Cale Crane is a little girl who loves her father. She wants to see his dreams realized, and her dream is to help that happen. Mannolin (Manny), played by Freddy Rodriguez, dreamed of being the greatest jockey in the world. That dream was cut off by an accident on the racetrack which left him too afraid to race again. Cale wants to help Manny to get back in the saddle and realize his dream.

Great characters are cardboard without an equally genius cast behind them. And the cast of "Dreamer" was nothing short of genius. Writer/director John Gatins made a wise choice when he changed the lead, Cale Crane, from a boy's role to a girl's role specifically for Dakota Fanning, a talent who has been compared to Meryl Streep and has, at the age of 11, been hailed as one of the greatest actresses of our time. Indeed, Fanning's performance in "Dreamer" is so natural that even the least imaginative viewer becomes convinced that she is truly experiencing the events played out on the screen. This could be said of the entire cast.

The story may have been good, but it is the chemistry between the characters that makes this movie great. Elisabeth Shue's performance as the hard working mother who begs her husband not to give up on his dreams and tries to mend the father-child relationships lauds nothing but the highest praise from this critic. An actor myself, it is rare that a performance can keep me from seeing the actor through the character. Kurt Russell, Elisabeth Shue, Dakota Fanning and the entire rest of the cast did this masterfully.

The directing of this film was well done. This is most readily seen in the work of the actors. Even the best of actors, without good directing, manage an average performance at best. Aside from the acting, though, the directing was good. None of the shots, effects, angles or transitions were distracting nor did anything in the directing take the viewer out of the story.

Save one continuity error in editing, the film flows wonderfully. It captures the viewers and pulls them into the story.

In all, John Gatins' "Dreamer" is a real winner. It receives 5 out of 5 stars with ease. A great story combined with absolutely amazing acting make this film a must see. Thank you, Mr. Gatins, for renewing some hope for the quality family film! For anybody who wants to see morality in a great film, "Dreamer" is a dream come true.

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Inside look at Milligan hoops

Lady Buffs hope to rebound

A fresh start with young team



By BRETT SEYBERT
Reporter

The 2004-2005 season did not go quite according to plan for Milligan women's basketball head coach Rich Aubrey. A final record of 11-23 left much to be desired, as did the 7-15 mark in the Appalachian Athletic Conference.

Despite all this, Aubrey remains positive and points out something that he is expecting will help propel this year's team to a much better result: his team's success in last year's conference tournament.

The 2005 AAC Tournament that saw the ninth-seeded Lady Buffs advance to the championship round, knocking off regular season champion Brevard (N.C.) along the way, which could prove to be a launching pad for success.

"The tournament came at a time of year when we were trying to finish up the recruiting process and sign some new players that we felt could come in and help. It was really good for them to see us have success in the postseason," Aubrey said.

Some of the recruits that were convinced to begin their collegiate careers at Milligan include local high school standouts Rikki Baughman, who averaged 15.7 points per game and 8.3 rebounds per game at Elizabethton High School; Renee Ensor, who averaged 10.4 points per game and 5.8 assists per game at Unaka High School; and Hali Sparks, who averaged 10.2 points per game and 6.5 rebounds per game while playing at Unicoi County High School.

"It was also important for our returning players. The excitement that they brought to the summer workouts and conditioning and preseason has related to the fact that we were successful at the end of the year," said Aubrey.



Three starters from last year's AAC tournament runner-up will be returning: senior Kari Stout, who led the team scoring by averaging 13.6 points per game last season, and junior Kacie Letterman and senior Leah Seevers, who averaged 10.9 and 9.7 points per game respectively.

Three key players not returning, however, are post players Ann Marie Gardner, who averaged 9.2 points and 6.5 rebounds per game, and Lacy York, who averaged 7.8 points and 6.9 rebounds per game, as well as guard Ginny White.

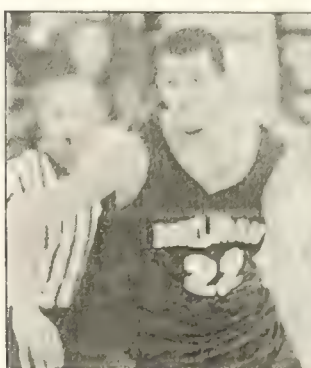
Making up for the loss of two forwards will no doubt be a challenge for the Lady Buffs this season.

"We're probably going to have at least seven different people start throughout this year. Our starting lineup is going to be more flexible this year. It's not been a question of who do I put out there, but rather which one do I want at that particular time. I think there's going to be minutes available to everyone on our roster," Aubrey said.

Aubrey and his players, however, maintain an air of confidence, perhaps as part of a carry-over effect from last year's postseason success.

"The conference tournament proved that we have great potential as a team," said Stout. "In the tournament, we were the underdogs but showed everyone we could do it and earned a lot of respect from the other teams in the conference."

Momentum certainly goes a long way in the world of sports, but in the end the success or failure of a season boils down to one thing - fulfilling potential. If that goal is achieved, both Aubrey and Stout believe this could be a spectacular year for Milligan women's basketball.



By TROY CHILDRESS
Reporter

The leaves are changing and the air is getting a little more brisk. That means it is time for another Milligan basketball season. The men's team has had its 24th practice and is anxiously awaiting the start of its season.

"The team has great potential," said coach Tony Wallingford. "Our goal is to improve every day, every practice and every game."

Milligan has five returning players, with only one starter from last year. They brought in 11 new players. Six out of those 11 are freshman.

"As a freshman there is the fear that when you get in you forget all that you have learned," said freshman Cody May. "The pace of college is so much faster than high school. There is the fear that you can't keep up with the pace."

"As you get into preseason you discover more and more about your players," said Wallingford. "You try to plug them into the best system that will accommodate their skills and talent."

In past years Milligan has struggled to keep players. Three men left last fall for academic reasons. Wallingford is working each year to improve this.

"Evaluation is the key to getting better," said Wallingford. "Our players are under strict rules. They are punished for missing class, and they have mandatory meetings with their professors."

Wallingford is teaming up with Director of Student Success Traci Smith to assist in the monitoring of each player.

The team has also made some notable changes in size on the court this year. "Last year we were playing about 6 feet 4 inches," said Wallingford. "This year we have players ranging from 5 feet 9 inches



to 6 feet 8 inches."

"We are stronger inside because we have more variety, but you don't get better than Craig Harrison," said Wallingford of last year's standout senior.

One of the reasons the Buffs are stronger inside is junior transfer Adrian Harrison, who transferred from Greensboro, N.C. where he attended Winston Salem State University.

"(The team) is doing pretty good so far," said Harrison. "We still have things to sharpen up."

"Things have to emerge and be what we do best," said Wallingford. "We have to find out roll identification, who does what best for us as team."

According to the team, sophomore point guard Yony Kifle has emerged as the team's leader.

"(Yony) knows the leadership role he has this year," said sophomore Joe Brown. "and has done well accepting the responsibilities that come with the position."

"(Yony) is always giving encouraging comments and making sure nobody is down on themselves," said May. "If the team is having a sloppy practice he is the one to collect us and get us fired up."

With the start of the season right around the corner the team's confidence is high.

"This team has the potential to win the conference," said Brown. "I think if we can push ourselves to realize our potential, we will be a force in the conference and have a chance to do well at the national tournament."

Milligan takes the court for their first home game on Monday against Johnson Bible College at 7:30 p.m.

Basketball 101: Signals of the Zebra Man



Charging:

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Traveling:

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Holding:

Illegal physical contact that impedes the progress of an opponent.



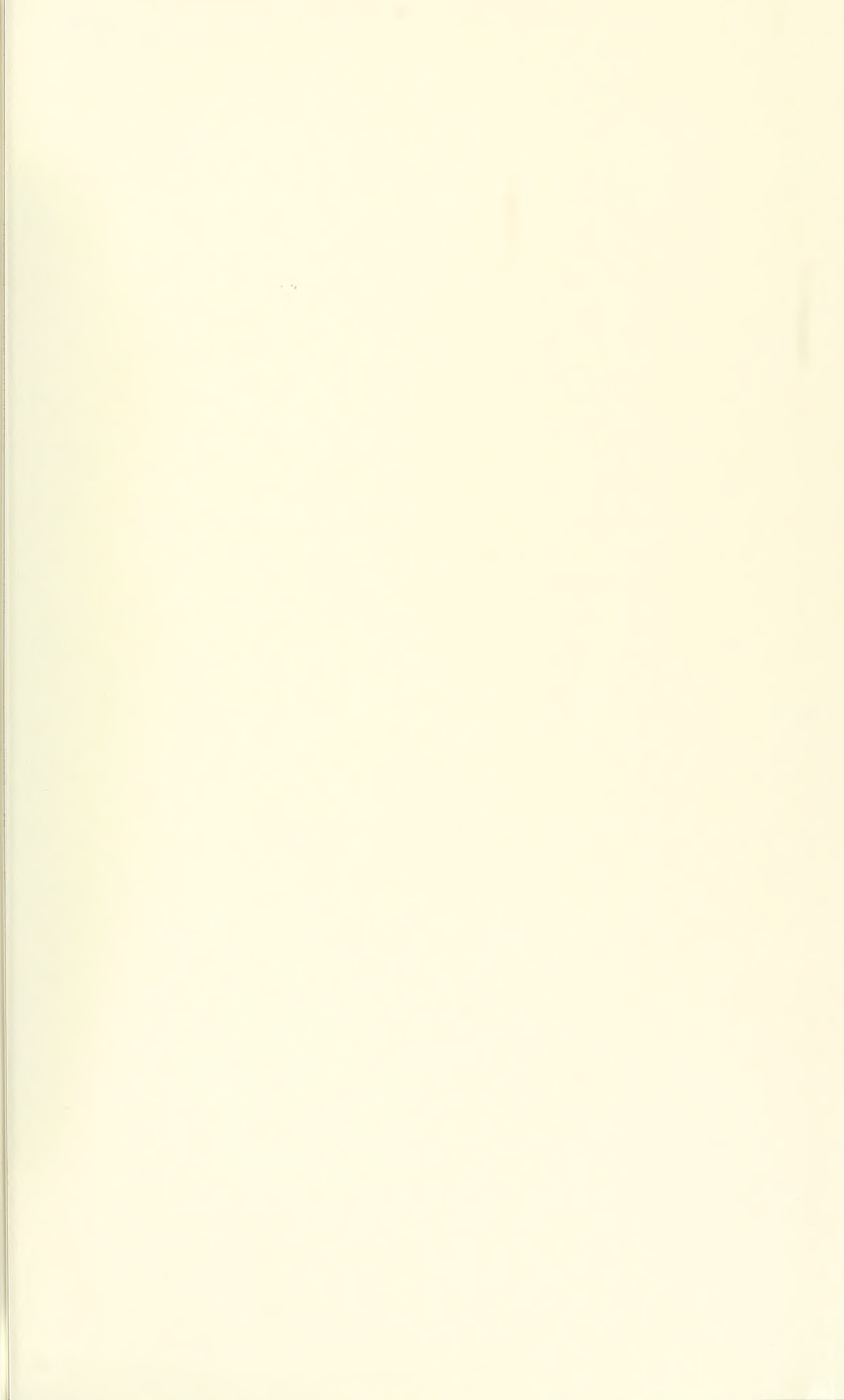
20-Second Timeout:

Signals the granting of a team's request for a 20-second time-out. Teams are allowed four 20-second timeouts per game.



Jump Ball:

To put the ball in play with a jump ball between two opposing players after such occurrences as a held ball.



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